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Editor's bit!



I first met Robbie Williams at the end of 1991 (he was 17) when he told me – delightfully – that he used to celebrate Christmas by going round to the Jehovah's Witnesses in his school and waving his presents in front of their eyes. Since then he has kept us all amused as the “daft one” in Take That. Pulling faces, pulling his trousers down, carrying off half the scenery at the *Smash Hits* Poll Winners Party and generally being as daft as a brush. Every Take That performance was a must-see, partly because: a) you

wanted to see what colour Robbie's hair was this time, b) you wanted to see what face he was pulling and c) you wanted to see if he carried off any of their scenery too. Unpredictable, funny and brilliant every time. He's going to be badly missed.

There's been a lot of rubbish written about Rob in the so-called “quality” papers since he left: that he'll fade away, that he should get back to his double-glazing salesman job... Utter rubbish! He'll be back – big time. And rest assured we'll be keeping you up-to-date with all the Robbie gossip.

Our unique farewell is on pages 4, 5, 6 and 7 and on page 65 we give you a page to say your good-byes. Enjoy the issue!

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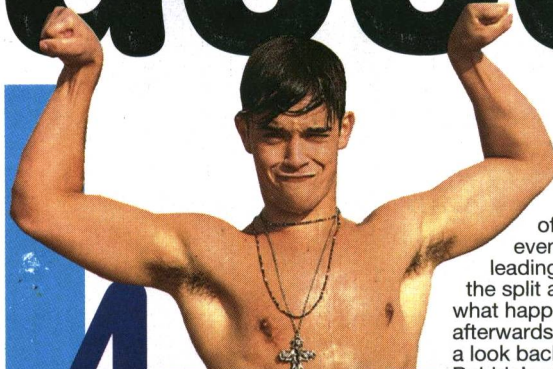
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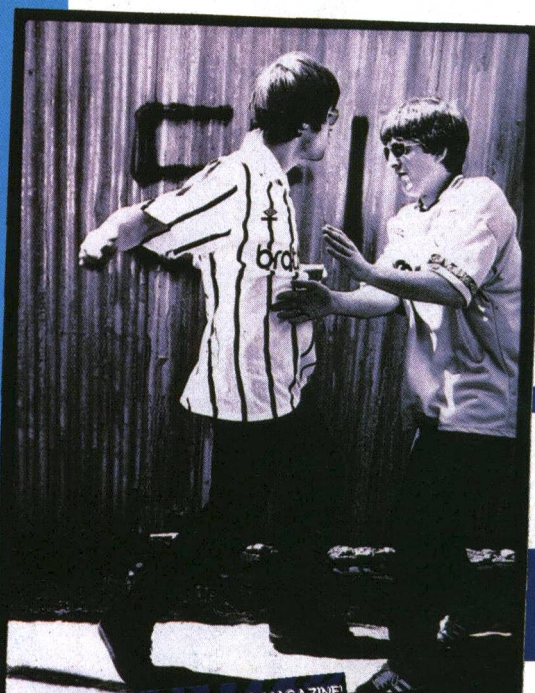
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The diary of events leading up to the split and what happened afterwards. Plus a look back at Robbie's many appearances in *Smash Hits* and the stars give their reactions to the news.

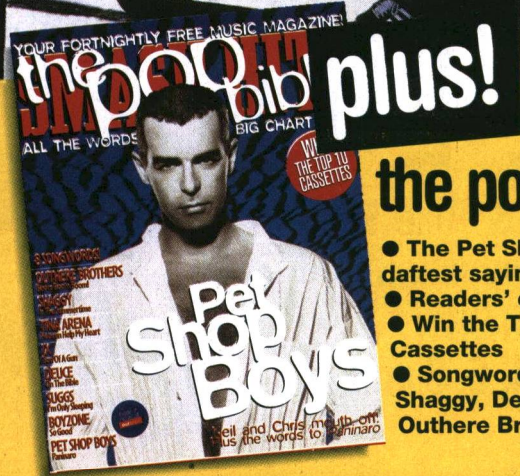
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The battling Gallagher brothers have made in-band fighting an art form. We give you a blow-by-blow account of Liam and Noel's many bust-ups.

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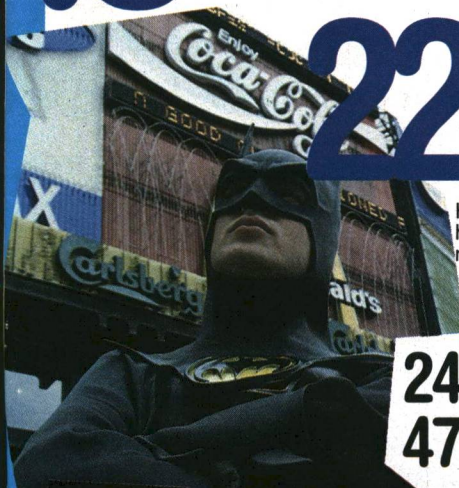
Does Monkey-Chops turn into Blubber-Chops when faced with Spin The Bottle? Does Shane mind being called a plumber? And will Ronan reveal any secrets about his love life? There's only one way to find out...

48 summer is...



We gave Tony Mortimer, Menswear, MN8, JX and Ant & Dec cameras and told them to take photographs with a summer theme. Let's just say that some of the results were, er, interesting!

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Hurrah! Our masked hero hits the town and he's on a mission to save the city...

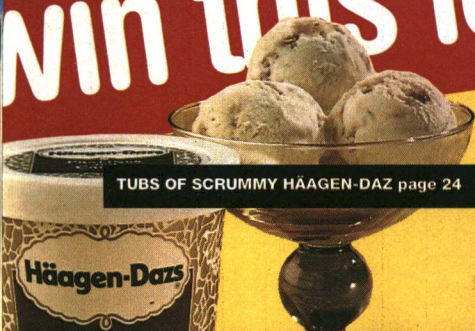
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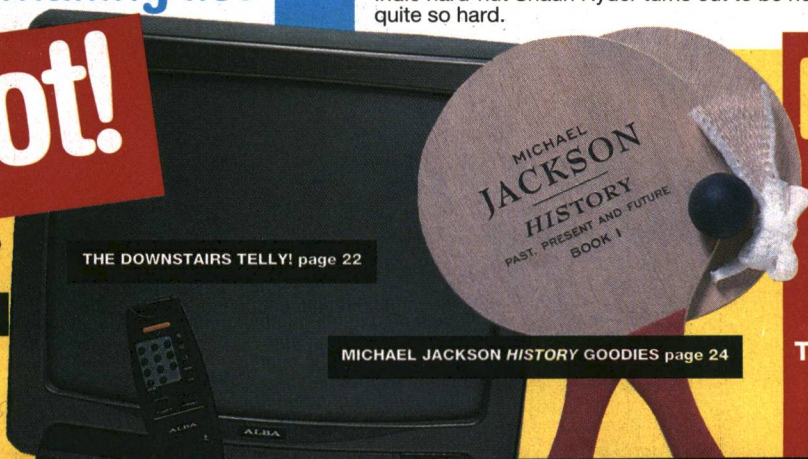
Indie hard-nut Shaun Ryder turns out to be not quite so hard.

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win this lot!



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Goodbye Robbie!

What really happened the week Robbie left Take That?

On Monday July 17, 1995 a press statement was released to the media stating: "Robbie Williams is to leave chart-topping group Take That. He has left the group as he was no longer able to give Take That the long-term commitment they needed." The story made front-page news and even the *News At Ten*.

This is the story from just before the announcement was made and what happened afterwards.

TAKE THAT'S STORY

Gary, Mark, Jason and Howard claim it was a joint decision for Robbie to leave. They say he came to them and said he wanted to leave after the tours they were about to start had finished, which would've been in January next year. Everyone then decided that Rob couldn't give his full commitment to the tours and it would end up making him very unhappy. Everyone agreed he shouldn't be put through that pain and should leave immediately.

ROB'S STORY

He claims to have told them he would leave the band in October, when his contract with the band was over. But he would stay on and complete the tours. Rob even asked other pop stars for advice on whether him leaving the band was a good idea. Two weeks later Rob says

that a decision was "made for him to leave the band." He never says that he voluntarily wanted to leave the group at this time.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

The official line is that Robbie, Mark, Howard, Jason and Gary were having a meeting about the upcoming tour when Rob tells them he is thinking of leaving the group. He says he will stay on until next

ago. He told them he was going to leave because he was miserable and could no longer live up to the clean-cut image of Take That. He also said he couldn't handle the strict regime of being in the group and wanted to get out before he went mad, but he was prepared to stay on and do the tours. Then, in the middle of rehearsals for the forthcoming tour, the band told him they thought it would be best if he left that day.

were all devastated and we did even think about splitting up. But we love what we do so much... that we feel we couldn't possibly call it a day."

Gary: "The four of us are still 100% committed to this band and are looking forward to a long future together. We feel we owe it to the fans as long as they want us here."

Jason: "We'll miss Rob, but we feel the only way to go now is forward."

Howard: "We're currently rehearsing very hard to make this tour our biggest and best yet. What's happened has made us more determined to put on a great show for the fans."

It's a strangely cold and unemotional statement which goes on to talk about the forthcoming tour and the release of the single *Never Forget*. Considering the split is supposed to be "amicable" there is oddly no quote from Rob.

Rob flies back from St Tropez into Heathrow airport at 7pm and is informed that the others have released a statement saying he has left the group. He immediately catches a plane to Manchester airport to be with his family.

Early editions of *The Sun* newspaper appear at 12midnight. It has Rob on the front page and two pages inside giving details about the split, it is accompanied by a picture taken on the European tour.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

Most newspapers carry the story on

"Robbie Williams is no longer able to give Take That the long-term commitment they needed."

January after the tours in Britain, Australia, Japan and the Far East are completed. It is then decided that it's in everyone's best interests if Rob leaves the group as soon as possible.

There are rumours in the music industry that it didn't happen like that. It's said that the other members of the band were despairing of Rob's rebellious behaviour. They were upset that he was constantly seen out and about at parties and clubs. Some say the last straw was Rob going to Glastonbury Festival in June by himself, which resulted in pictures of him splashed across all the papers.

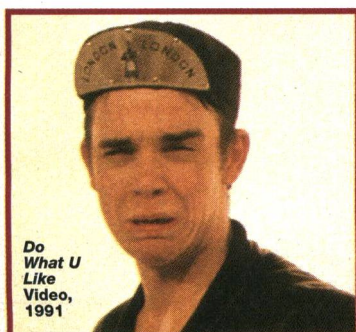
People say that what *really* happened is this: Rob had a meeting with the rest of the group one month

SATURDAY 15 - MONDAY 17, JULY

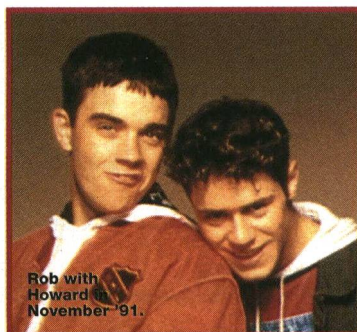
Rob is invited by a friend to go to St Tropez. He feels miserable and confused and goes to get away to think about things. Whilst there he apparently meets George Michael and asked for his advice. He supposedly told Rob to do what he thought was best. Rob realises he can't avoid the situation and returns home after two days.

MONDAY, JULY 17

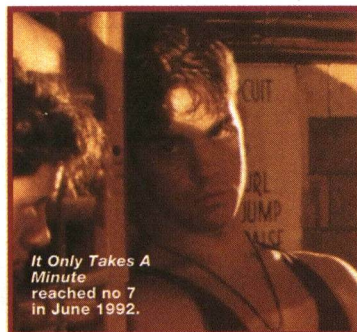
At 6.30pm the press statement about the split is released. It contains quotes from the other members of the band: **Mark:** "When Robbie first announced that he wanted to leave, of course we



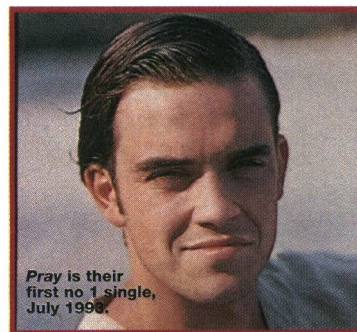
Do What U Like Video, 1991



Rob with Howard Stern, November '91.



It Only Takes A Minute, reached no 7 in June 1992.



Pray is their first no 1 single, July 1993.

the front page. The later editions of *The Sun* still has Rob on the cover but the picture inside has been changed to one of the four remaining group members – the first picture taken without Rob. It was apparently taken the night before but there are rumours it was actually taken the *Thursday* before. The same *Thursday* that Rob and Take That parted ways.

Mark and Gary do an interview with Simon Mayo on Radio 1. It's the first time they talk publicly about the split. **Mark:** "Recently we'd had a few chats and I think it was becoming quite obvious that he [Rob] wasn't very happy. We have an agreement to give six months' notice if anyone wanted to leave. About two weeks ago he gave us his six months' notice. Since then we'd been trying to carry on in rehearsals but I think it was quite obvious to us that he wasn't very happy. So we decided that we didn't want to put a mate through this pain for six months and maybe he should go now."

He goes on: "We haven't spoken to Robbie since last *Thursday*. It was *Thursday* that he actually left. We sort

own peace of mind and health."

He never once says in his statement that *he* actually quit.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

The "new" four-piece Take That perform *Never Forget* on *Top Of The Pops*. It's their first public appearance since the split. The audience reaction to them is brilliant. Howard, Mark, Gary and Jason perform well, considering a lot of changes probably had to be made to accommodate Rob being missing. But there's one moment right at the beginning where Mark looks worried. He looks over at the others like he's checking to see that everything is alright. The others are smiling.

FRIDAY, JULY 21

Rob relaxes with friends and family. Take That carry on rehearsing.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Gary, Mark, Howard and Jason appear on the *Steve Wright People Show*. Mark says much the same thing as he did in the Simon Mayo interview. He is also asked about the

"I am very confused... I must apologise to everybody who feels let down by a decision for me to leave the band."

of gave him the weekend to think about what he wanted to do. He went away for a few days and came back but it didn't look like he'd changed his mind at all. It was *Thursday* afternoon when we sat down and made the decision to let Robbie go."

Mark contradicts himself. He claims they gave him the weekend to think things over, but he also says none of them have spoken to him since that *Thursday* – the *Thursday* Robbie "left"!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

Rob's first public statement was published on the front page of *The Sun*. He said: "At the moment I am very scared and confused. I read the press statements yesterday and feel it is of great importance that I must apologise to everybody who feels let down by a decision for me to leave the band. I still love all the boys and I'm sure there is also a lot of love for me. But things have changed and I need to do something else for my

last time he cried and he says, "When Robbie left the band."

Steve Wright then goes on to ask them daft questions from the studio audience. The group joke and laugh all the way through. It's almost as if they are trying to re-establish their personalities, because up until that point Rob had usually been the main focal point and joker in any interview.

MONDAY, JULY 24

Rob still hasn't given any interviews. He is in hiding. He has his own record company PR and between them they are figuring out Rob's next move.

The single *Never Forget* is released, accompanied by a poignant and somewhat ironic video which shows footage of Gary, Jason, Mark, Howard and Rob as children. It also has backstage and live film from the last tour. It is the last thing that shows Take That as a five-piece. It is very moving. Things will never be the same again.

What the Stars said...



OASIS – LIAM

"It's sad for the fans, but he's done the right thing. He's a top bloke and we really like him."

East 17 – "No comment."

Dec – "I was actually really distraught when I heard about this one. Me mam told me over the phone and I was like, *noooooo*! I didn't blub though! It was the last thing I expected, I mean, he had to work so hard to get where he was and now it's just gone."

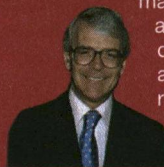


Ant – "I knew ages ago 'cos me and Robbie are forming our own band! (*Laughing*) Dec doesn't know about it yet! I'll let Dec stay on with us for a bit, but he won't be in any press shots or anything. (*Sounds serious*) No, I was surprised actually."

I always thought Gary would go first!"

John Major (Well, OK, a spokesman) –

(*In a very stern voice*) "Um... I'm not sure he's made any comment on it at all actually." Are you sure he doesn't want to say something about it? (*Angrily*) "No, not really. We have no comment." Click brrr...



Jarvis Cocker – "I

told him when I saw him at Glastonbury not to leave Take That. I told him. He disobeyed me!"

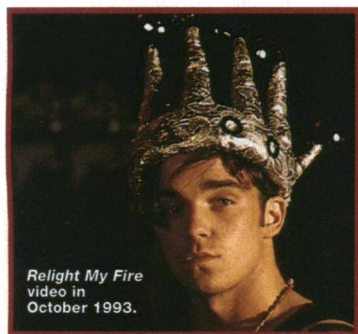
Ronan, Boyzone – "I

think it's a terrible shame. I feel particularly sorry for the other four because I know that if any of Boyzone ever split from the band I couldn't cope."

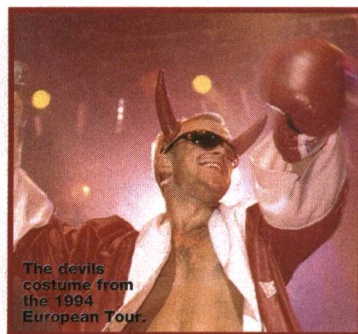


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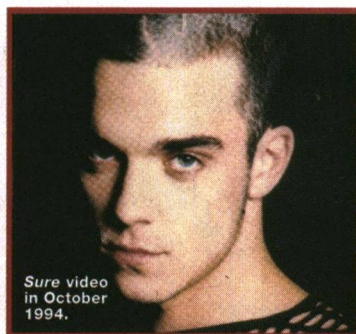
(*Her press officer answers the phone and sounds mildly peeved*) – "We have no comment on that. (*Even more peeved*) I shouldn't think she knows who they are to be honest with you. Goodbye." The line goes dead.



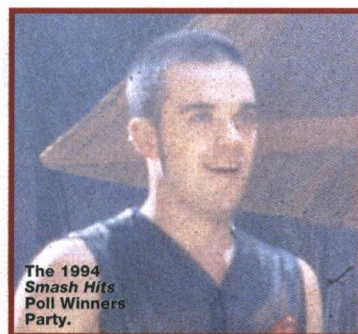
Relight My Fire video in October 1993.



The devil's costume from the 1994 European Tour.



Sure video in October 1994.



The 1994 Smash Hits Poll Winners Party.

15 GOLDEN ROBBIE MOMENTS

1 The "head-to-head" conversations with Mark about "the other three" on the *Everything Changes* long-play video:
Rob: We go to the football. Where do they go?



Mark: (Puts on namby-pamby voice) Cinema!

Rob: And what do they drink?

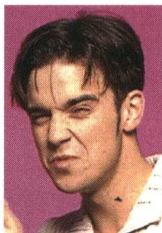
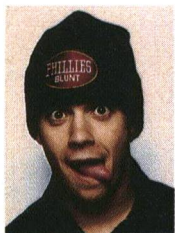
Mark: (Extra namby-pamby sounding) Cider!

Rob: And what do we drink?

Both: LAGER!

2 The bit in the fountain in the *Pray* video. Fwoarrgh!

3 For being the man responsible for making the Take That section of the *Smash Hits* photo library the most entertaining bit...



4 "We're Sex On Legs!" The quote that Robbie gave to *Hits* journalist Sylvia Patterson in their first *Smash Hits* interview. "All the others were nice and polite, says Sylvia now, "but he was just in-yer-face all the time. He obviously didn't give a damn".



5 The moment on the '93 tour in Scotland when his kilt rose up and you saw his bum. He's not shy our Rob...

6 His shaved head. What a beautiful bonce!

7 His orange hair. Er, how very orange!

8 His blonde hair. Fwoarrgh!

9 In the midst of all the "Take That hate East 17" rumours Rob took time out to have a long conversation with Tony Mortimer at the *Smash Hits* Poll Winners Party. He was nice like that...

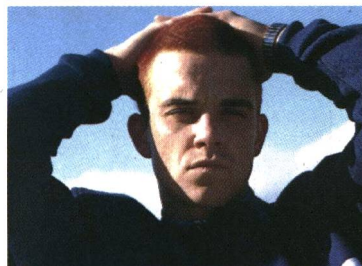
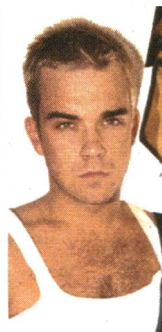
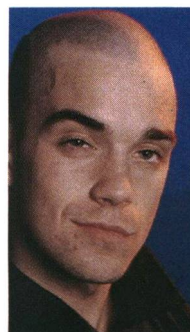
10 Robbie's 12-second phone call to his mum from America, July 1993: "Mum, it's me. Did the Vale win? Yes! Got to go now, love you. Bye."

11 On a rare day off last year Robbie decided to visit the *Smash Hits* office - but we'd just moved and he went to the old offices



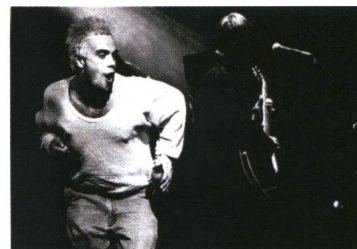
(despite being given precise instructions as to where we'd moved) so instead he just naffed off...

12 At the end of performing *Sure* at last year's *Smash Hits* Poll Winners - one of their greatest pop performances ever - Robbie casually saunters off stage carrying a huge polystyrene rock formation under his arm.



13 The last sighting any of us had of Robbie: at Glastonbury with his arm round Simon from Menswear shouting: "Eh, me and Menswear on the cover of *Smash Hits* - 'ow about sorting it out?"

14 Dancing on stage - beer bottle in hand - with Oasis at Glasto this year.

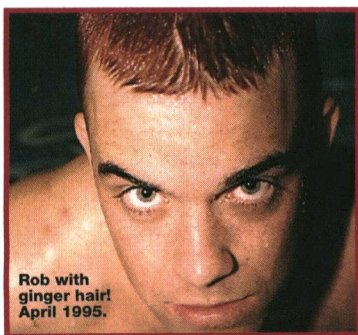


15 Robbie's final action as a member of Take That - if it is to be believed - was his best. Apparently Robbie phoned up *The Sun*, *Mirror* and *Star*, told them he was leaving the group, and told them all they had the story exclusively...

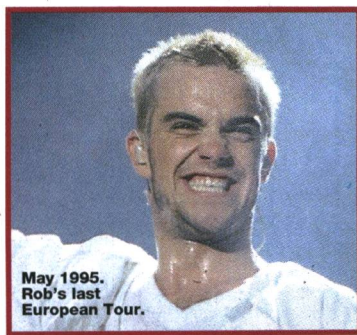
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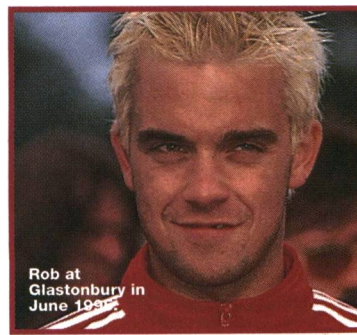
Back For Good video, March 1995



Rob with ginger hair! April 1995.



May 1995. Rob's last European Tour.



Rob at Glastonbury in June 1995

THE ASH STREET KIDS

They've got a fab new single out, *The Girl From Mars*! They're set to take the indie world by storm! But first they've got to pass their A levels! Ash singer/guitarist Tim Wheeler (aged sweet 18) tells you how to be rock'n'roll at school...

Be Young!

"We started the band when I was 15, so now I feel like a veteran. It's harder work being rock'n'roll as a whippersnapper, but it's more fun *trying*."

Come From A Boring Town!

"We live in Downpatrick in Northern Ireland – it's much more rock'n'roll than any big city. People are really bored and go round doing mad things. We started the band to give us something to do."

Stay In School!

"Chris from Menswear said in *Smash Hits* that you should leave school, but I reckon you can be in a band and *still* do well in lessons. I sent an essay in

from a gig in Leicester once! I've just done A levels in French, Maths and English. I get the results on August 17 so I'm sweating it a bit. I hope to get a C/D in Maths and a B/C in the others. I'm glad I took them – it made my parents very happy!"

Go On Tour With Loads Of Top Indie Bands!

"The Elastica tour was the best. We had a street brawl with them, for a laugh! Mark (Ash's bassist) threw Justine over his shoulder! When we played the Fleadh Festival last year I had a music exam in the morning, and then had to dash to the gig. But I'd broken my foot so it took ages to hobble there! I got there five minutes before we were due on!"

Don't Go On Tour With Loads More Top Indie Bands!

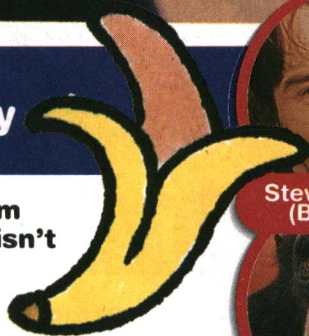
"Pearl Jam asked us to tour the US with them. It would've been good experience to play with such a big band, but we don't actually like them much. And we'd have had to take a month off school..."

Ignore All The Screaming Girls!

"We're starting to get lots of girls at our gigs now. I like it, even though I've got a girlfriend. Rick (Ash's drummer) and Mark try to snog them, but it usually goes wrong. One time this girl asked Rick outside. He thought he was well in, but then this other girl turned up – and she started snogging her instead! He felt like a right idiot!"

Oi Monkey Chops!

Steve from Boyzone isn't the *only* pop star with a striking resemblance to a hairy, banana-eating mammal, you know... But who is the King of the Swingers? Well, find out with the *Smash Hits* Beginner's Guide to Monkey Chops in Pop...



Steve Gateley (Boyzone)



Type Of Monkey: Chimpanzee.
Natural Habitat: In the gym, on the bars, like he's back in the jungle.
What He Eats: Pretty much everything! Don't bring this little fella home 'cos he'll start munching your mum's Yucca plant!
Monkey Rating: 10/10
Still King of the Jungle.



Gaz Coombes (Supergrass)



Type Of Monkey: Gorilla.
Natural Habitat: In parks, scaring kids with his "Gorilla pretends to be Neanderthal" impression!
What He Eats: As many bananas as he's thrown. Then he does his banana skin "comedy" routine.
Monkey Rating: 9/10
A gorilla with sideburns?



Sean Maguire



Type Of Monkey: Orang-Utang.
Natural Habitat: The fag shop, wrapping his oversized, leathery lips around a tobacco stick.
What He Eats: The insects which live in his coarse hair.
Monkey Rating: 7/10
Let down, I'm afraid, by poor hair quality.



Rick Witter (Shed Seven)



Type Of Monkey: Gibbon.
Natural Habitat: Catch him lolloping around at summer festivals, arms akimbo, and whooping.
What He Eats: What the audience throws at him. Nuts are favourite.
Monkey Rating: 6/10
Needs work on the bottom-lip pout.



The Monkees



Oh, forget it...

the bit at the front!

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP!

WITH LESLEY O'TOOLE, OUR LA LADY

Brad Pitt has become obsessed with security since naked pictures of him and girlfriend Gwyneth Paltrow surfaced in newspapers all over the world. He has covered the front gate of his Hollywood home with green plastic and had 40 very tall trees planted in strategic places to ensure snoopers can't see a thing!

Short-arse **Tom Cruise** is reportedly so fed up with wife **Nicole Kidman** towering over him that he's resorted to... stretching himself! Tom straps himself into a strange contraption and hangs upside down; he's vowed to stick it for three months in an effort to add an inch or two to his height. Hang in there, Tom!

Super-hot **Chris O'Donnell** is keen to meet his idol, **Bruce Springsteen**. He's written asking to meet, but to no avail. Chris, I have the solution! Bruce works out at the same gym I go to, so why not just pop by?

Sylvester Stallone is engaged again, only a few weeks after he split up with model Angie Everhart. He's now back with ex, Jennifer Flavin, also a model, and says he made a big mistake splitting up with her in the first place. And Angie's reportedly back in the arms of **Kevin Costner**. Tch, these Hollywood love triangles!

When things get too much for **Julia Roberts**, she turns to, um, an ageing Irish cabbie (*Surely you mean Mark Sutherland? - Bit At The Front Ed*). Father of three **Michael Devine** drove Julia around when she first visited Dublin. Now she's back there filming **Michael Collins** and spends all her time with Michael and his family. She even flew them out to America a couple of years ago for her wedding to **Lyle Lovett**!

Pamela Anderson is furious that some steamy pics of her and hubby **Tommy Lee** are in a US porn magazine. She thinks *he* sent the pictures in as he is rumoured to be very proud of them!

Johnny Depp was asked to go topless while being photographed recently. Depp refused, saying: "Who do you think I am? **Brad Pitt**?" Ooh, catty!

Keanu Reeves has just returned from his band Dogstar's first ever tour. They played six dates in Japan and went down a storm with Japanese girls screaming every time Keanu moved a muscle. On July 14, the band started their first American tour - 25 dates all around the country. Way to go, K!



We can see your pants!

Number eight:
Batman and Robin
(OK, that's enough - Ed)

Lisa Moorish's five point plan for cracking the charts (eventually)!

Success, eh? You can either slog your guts out for years, or make a record with **George Michael**. Or do both, if you're **Lisa Moorish**...

1 Be a wild child!

"I was a bit wild - clubbing since I was 14, etc. Once I even belted some lads who were mugging a woman and chased them off!"

2 Join a dodgy rock group, aged 16!

"We didn't gig, we just did some crappy demos - but it was enough to get me a solo deal."

3 Call yourself Lisa M!

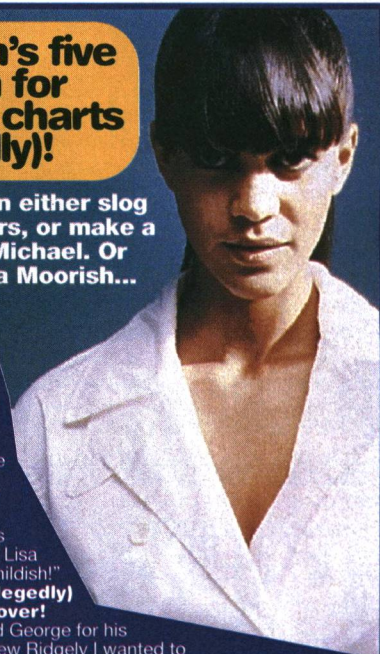
"I had to change my name 'cos there's a Hispanic chick called Lisa M in the US. I'm glad; it was childish!"

4 Get **George Michael** (allegedly) to help out on a **Wham!** cover!

"I was a **Wham!** fan - I admired George for his musical talent, but it was **Andrew Ridgeley** I wanted to fondle! But I'm not allowed to talk about George being on my version of *I'm Your Man*. No, I'm not! Yes, I have met him and he's very nice."

5 Celebrate!

"If I'd cracked it when I was 16 I'd have turned into a bit of a prat. But I'm ready to enjoy it now I'm 23! There's still a bit of the wild child in me!"



Ant & Dec's Alphabet Corner



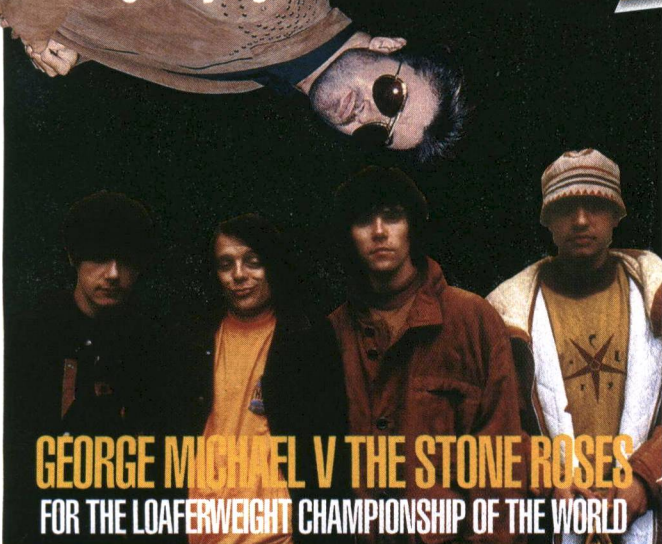
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Q, R, S, T... T... T...

Oh no! What comes after T?

PJ & Duncan: They're Stuck On U!

YOU! OUTSIDE! NOW!

An imaginary fight between the stars!



GEORGE MICHAEL V THE STONE ROSES FOR THE LOAFERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

Seconds Out Round One!

It's a slow starter 'cos The Stone Roses are having a snooze in their corner, while George sculpts his designer stubble in his. Neither can be arsed to move. And there's no sign of the Roses' drummer anywhere...

Ding Ding Round Two!

Mani gets a bit lairy. "Your beard's crap!" he shouts. "Come over here and say that!" George shouts back. Unfortunately, neither can still be arsed to move. But then Ian from the Roses spots a can of beer under George's stool. He makes a dive for it but George slaps him round the chops with an injunction.

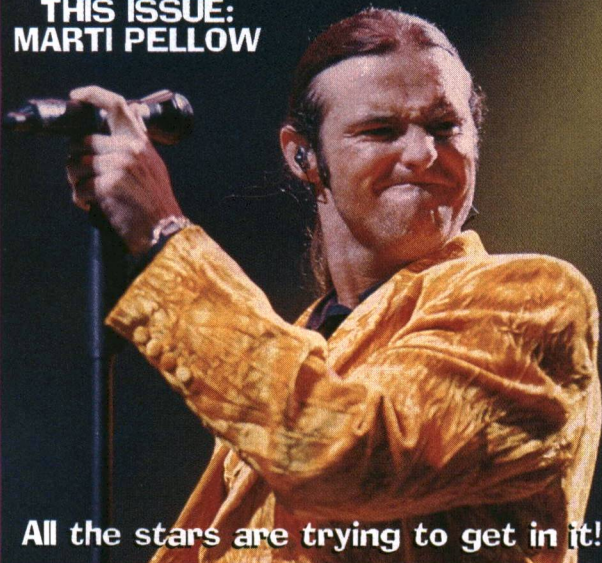
Ding Ding Round Three!

John Squire steps in to rescue Ian but falls out of the ring, breaking his collarbone. Mani sees red and attempts to join the battle. Unfortunately, he falls asleep and collapses on top of Ian, knocking him out. A chuffed George is asked to do a lap of honour to celebrate his win, but sadly he can't be bothered. Oh well.

Next issue: Kylie Minogue Versus Kelly From Deuce!

UGLY CORNER

THIS ISSUE:
MARTI PELLOW



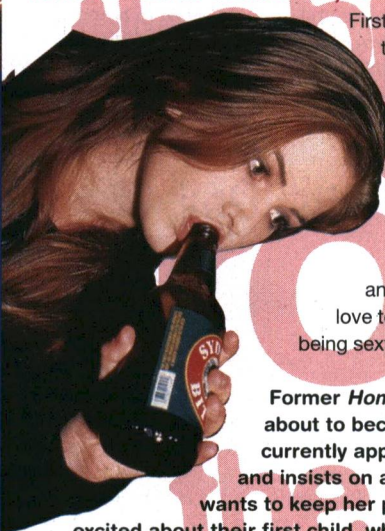
All the stars are trying to get in it!

the hit at the front!

SOAP GOSSIP



WITH PAULINE VIZCARRA, OUR LASS IN ALICE SPRINGS



First she snogged **Shane**, causing **Angel** to leave town with **Dylan**. Now *Home And Away*'s **Shannon (Isla Fisher)** is headed for more doom and gloom. Shannon starts developing a distressing eating disorder and in coming weeks she battles to overcome it. To research the part, Isla visited health clinics and talked to her local GP. "I feel honoured that this storyline has been given to me," says 19-year-old Isla. "It may help people recognise the symptoms of anorexia." However, in real life Isla tells me she'd love to have big boobs and a big bum and strut around being sexy!

Former *Home And Away* star **Nicolle Dickson (Bobby)** is about to become a mum! The very pregnant star is currently appearing in a guest role in top Aussie drama *GP* and insists on a "closed" set (ie, no non-crew on set) as she wants to keep her pregnancy low-key. Nic and her hubby are very excited about their first child, which is due in November.

Shane Ammann (Curtis) has caused a HUGE scare on the set of *Home And Away*. Shane has contracted chicken pox and has been barred from mixing with rest of the *H&A* lot. All the young actors on the show have had to see a specialist and young Shane won't be allowed back until he's completely healthy again.

Australian *Gladiators* host and ex-*Paradise Beach* star **Kimberly Joseph** is moving into Summer Bay. Kimbo will play an old schoolfriend of **Angel**'s who goes head-to-head with her for a modelling job. "My character Jo is a real bitch to **Angel**," Kim tells me. "But after I've done a scene I feel really bad about it and go up to **Melissa George** and say 'Oh, I feel terrible doing this!'" Hey, calm down, it's only acting! Still, Kim's character will only be short-lived as she's going back to film the second series of *Gladiators*.



Nicole "Batman Forever" Kidman has won the Best Actress award at the Seattle International Film Festival. Aussie Nic was honoured for her role in the critically acclaimed film *To Die For*. Seems like the girl can't put a foot wrong these days! That's it for this fortnight - I'm off to put another shrump on the barbie!

you've got to laugh!

Your fortnightly comedy bit!

This issue: The "boat" scene, taken from *The Simpsons*.

(Scene: Homer, Bart, Ned Flanders and Ned's son are on an adventure holiday. Unfortunately, they have lost their map - and are now marooned in a raft out at sea.)

Homer: You lousy piece of junk!
(Throws a walkman into the sea)

Ned Flanders' son: (In a high-pitched whingey voice)
Hey! I got that for my birthday!

Homer: Well, you have to face stupid reality again!
Bernard, my socks feel dirty, give me some water to wash them! (Grabs a flask of water and splashes his socks)

Ned Flanders: Again? Homer, we have to ration the water carefully. It's our only hope!

Homer: Well, pardon me, Mr "Let's ration everything!"
What do you think we're floating on? Don't you know the poem? "Water water everywhere, so let's all have a drink!"

(Dives to the side of the boat and takes a gulp of sea water, everyone drags him back)

All: Homer! NO!

Homer: Cough, splutter. (Sobbing) What does it matter? We're doomed!

Ned Flanders: (Spots a seagull floating overhead)
Wrong! We're saved! Seagulls always stay near land, they only go out to sea to die! (The seagull dies and dive bombs into the water with a splash)

Homer: Woo hoo! See that Bart? Your old man was right, not Flanders! We are doomed. In your face, Flanders!

Bart: Well, at least Ned is trying, what are you doing to help?

Homer: Well, since you're all such a bunch of big ration babies, I'll just be in charge of the rationing.
(Grabs a box of food and starts nibbling on peanuts)

Here boy, the secret is to take tiny bites like so...

mmmm, mmmm, mmmmmmmmm! (Starts shovelling the contents of the box into his mouth)

All: (Shouting and screaming) Stop it! No no! (Everyone pulls him away and he falls over)

Homer: (Sobbing again) Why couldn't I be in one of the smart rafts? I bet they're having the time of their life!

You can catch *The Simpsons* on Sky One at 6pm on Sundays and, up until August 18 it'll also be on every evening, Monday-Friday at 6pm.

THE SMASH HITS QUESTIONNAIRE

JACKO

Here are the results to our Michael Jackson survey:

A staggering **85%** of people who called said they like Michael Jackson's music.

76% of callers said the child abuse allegations did not alter their opinion of Michael.

Do you think Michael Jackson is scary?

No 70%

Yes 18%

Don't give a monkey's 12%

Of all the people that called in, **42%** think the allegations have hurt his career.

Would you describe yourself as:

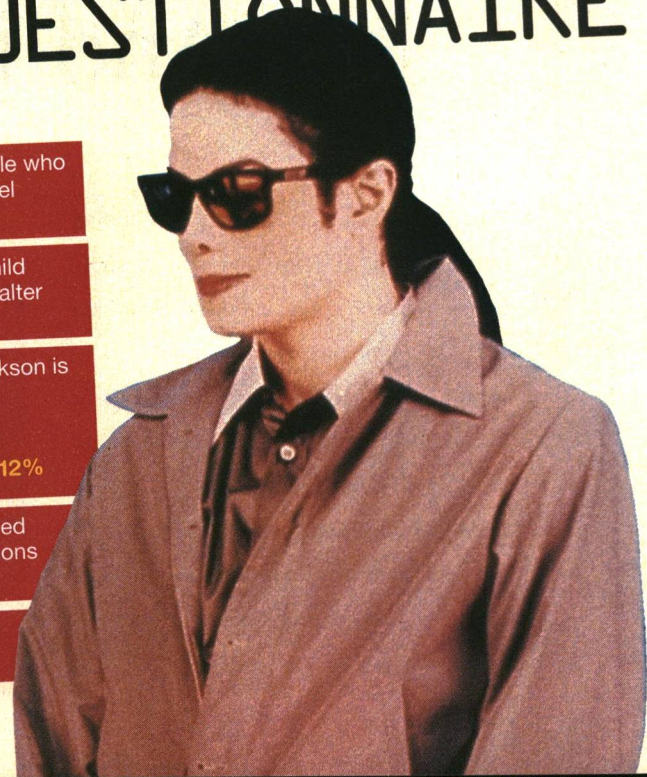
A superfan 58%

Like him a lot 20%

A bit of a fan 9%

(13% of you couldn't give a monkey's about him)

Only **20%** of callers believe that his marriage was a publicity stunt to make people forget about the child abuse allegations.





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WITH MARK SUTHERLAND - OUR MAN IN A WHITE MERCEDES ON GOSSIP BOULEVARD ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING "INSANE"



A is for...
AHOY! Well, what a fabulous fortnight it's been! I've been hobnobbing with **Elastica** at the Gimme Shelter '95 gig and interviewing the wonderful **Zoe Ball!** Alright! Let's goss!

B is for...

Zoe BALL. The coolest chick on telly just got even cooler: at a recent *Smash Hits* photo-shoot she shrugged off her girl-next-door image by enthusing about indie pop and dressing up in some glam sex-vixen gear. At one point she even offered to do some topless shots! Yee-ikes! Is it just me or has it suddenly got very hot in here?

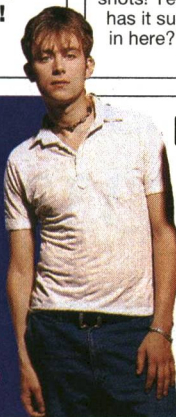
C is for...

CRAIG from Deuce, who thought it was amusing to stick one of those toy sucker things on his forehead. Sadly, he doesn't think it's so funny now he's got a huge red mark there. Doh!



D is for...

DAMON ALBARN. The Blur fella was at the Gimme Shelter gig to present the raffle and watch **Elastica**. He had a hay-uge smirk on his face as a couple of girls kept chatting him up, despite **Justine** standing next to him!



E is for...

ELASTICA. The Best Band On The Planet (well, according to me!) were on top form at the gig, and at the after-show party. Not only did **Justine** just giggle while **Damon** was being chatted up, but she also had a bit of a chuckle about her extremely, er, "enthused" performance at **Glastonbury**. "I just got a bit carried away," she told me. Fair enough!

F is for...

FOOTBALL. As I write, we're just off to Phoenix Festival's celebrity five-a-side tournament. Sadly, we just chalked up another defeat (9-4), but we looked very natty in our **Lightning Seeds** strip. 'Nuff respect to them!

G is for...

GUESS THE GOSSIP. What's the connection between **Steve** from **Boyzone**, a mobile phone and a great big pile of cash? Find out on page 51!



H is for...
HORSERACING.

Can it really be true that a racehorse owner inquired recently about using the name "Take That" for one of his horses, only to be told it was reserved in the name of **R. Williams**? That's what we heard anyway...

I is for...
INCOMPREHENSIBLE EVENT OF T' FORTNIGHT.

Whyohwhy did **Mark Lamarr** shout "We are the stoats! We are the stoats!" at **Martin** from the **Boo Radleys** at the Shelter party? Answer? Er, there isn't one.

J is for... **JARVIS COCKER,**

who's apparently set to star in a film! **Jarv** plays a northerner heading Londonwards in an old banger lookin' for lay-deez. Typecast again, eh?



K is for... **KYLIE,** Everyone's

favourite popstress faces her most challenging gig this weekend at Glasgow's **T In The Park** festival, in front of thousands of **INDIE** fans. Break a leg, **Kyles!**

L is for...

LIFE IMITATING "ART". I went to a sneak preview of **Hugh Grant's** new movie, *Nine Months*, the other day, and there is an (unintentionally) hilarious bit where his character is apologising to his girlfriend. "I know I was a disgrace," he says. "I know what a bastard I was. You have every right to be mad at me." Sound familiar, **Liz?**

M is for...

Sean MAGUIRE, who recently got to add his hand print to London's **Rock Circus Wall Of Hands**, joining the likes of **Michael Jackson** and **Jon Bon Jovi**. "It feels strange to be inducted into the Wall Of Hands with musicians who have been my inspiration," reckons **Seary**. Hey, imagine how *they* feel!

N is for... **NICE**

JOB! Before **Danny Goffey** became the drummer in **Supergrass**, he was a dinner, um, lady. Very cool and rock'n'roll, I don't think!

O is for...

OPTIMYSTIC: HAVE THEY BEEN DROPPED YET? It's been a quiet fortnight for them but - yes! - they still have a record contract. Good work!

Q is for...

the **QUEEN MOTHER.** Again. Watch out for those fish bones, ma'am!

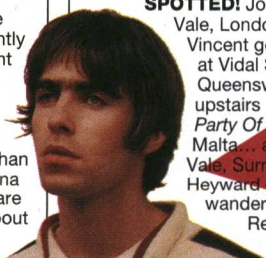


R is for...

ROMANCE. The most unlikely one ever was apparently kindled at a recent rock festival in Sweden, where **Liam** from **Oasis** was canoodling with none other than supermodel **Helena Christensen**. Er, are you quite sure about this, **Helena?**

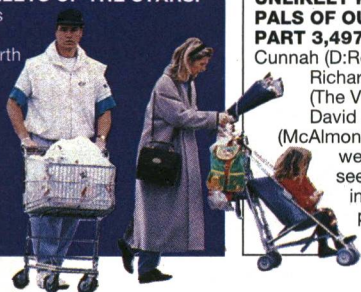
S is for...

SPOTTED! **Jordan** from **Maida Vale**, London, saw **Tim** **Vincent** getting his hair cut at **Vidal Sassoon** in **Queensway**... **Helen** from upstairs spied **Bailey** from *Party Of Five* in a bar in **Malta**... and **Gill** from **Ash** **Vale**, Surrey, spotted **Nick Heyward** - *Nick Heyward!* - wandering around **Epic Records**. Like, wow!



T is for...

TROLLEYS OF THE STARS! Here's **Gillian Tayfirth** with hers.



U is for...

UNLIKELY POP PALS OF OUR TIME PART 3,497. **Peter Cunnah** (**D:Ream**), **Richard Ashcroft** (**The Verve**) and **David McAlmont** (**McAlmont & Butler**) were recently seen chatting in a London pub. Cor!



V is for...

VINCENT VAN GOGH JOKE CORNER. Here's our **Gill's** impression of **Vince** with his specs on!

W is for...

WHO THE HELL IS... **Ed Ball?** Despite the fact that no one has ever, EVER heard of him, the fancy likes of **Primal Scream**, **Saint Etienne**, **Ride** and **The Boo Radleys** all turned up to his gig the other night. Blimey.

X is for...

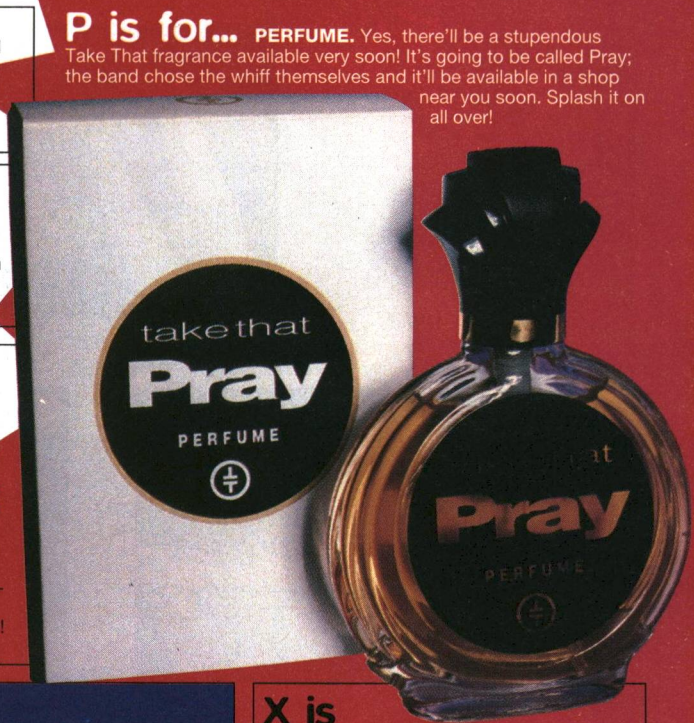
XYLOPHONE SOLO. There's a really good one on **The Cardigans'** album, you know.

Y is for...

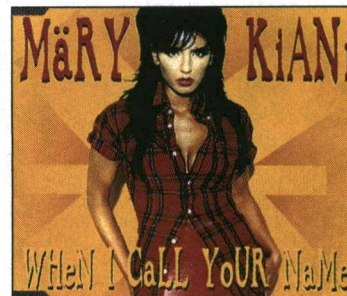
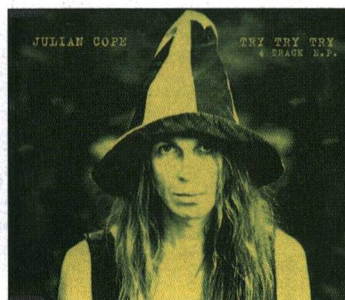
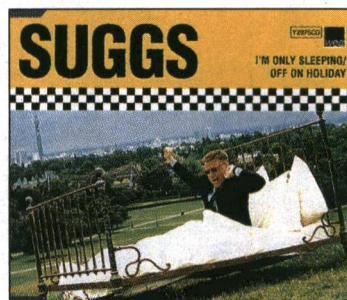
Paula YATES. Surprisingly, there's no actual gossip about her but - hey! - at least her name starts with a **Y**, eh?

Z is for...

ZZZZZZZZ. I'm off for some! **C Ya!**



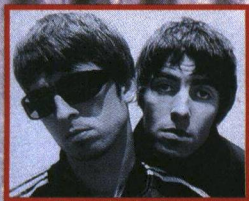
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Fights, squabbles and punch-ups. It's all in a day's work for Oasis brothers Liam and Noel...



Definitely MAYHEM!

MARCH '94 - THE FERRY INCIDENT

The band, except for Noel, are arrested and thrown off a ferry for bad behaviour, ie, getting smashed and upsetting other passengers. They're eventually deported from Amsterdam and fined £1,000 each.

Noel: (Not impressed) Getting thrown off ferries and deported is not summat that I'm proud about.

Liam: Well, I am.

Noel: Right then, why don't you get the hell out of my band and go and be a football hooligan?

Liam: You're only gutted because you were in bed reading a book.

Noel: Shut up! SHUT UP!

APRIL '94 - THE "PUSHING OUT OF A WINDOW" INCIDENT

During an interview, Liam says he wants to "slap" a journalist who called him a slob. Noel tells him to calm down but Liam's having none of it. "Let's go then, you dick. Let's have a fight!" They do indeed have a ruck which ends up with Liam trying, unsuccessfully, to push Noel out of a window. Nice!

JUNE '94 - THE EX-GIRLFRIEND INCIDENT

The lads start rowing about an ex-girlfriend and before you can say "shag-pile carpet eyebrows" they're scrapping. The hotel bar is trashed during the fight but eventually it's broken up after Noel rips

Liam's shirt to shreds. Guitarist Bonehead gets a punch from both of them for interrupting...

Liam: My head's in ruins - so's my shirt!

Noel: Well, you're mad, you are!

Liam: No! You're the mad one.

JULY '94 - THE "OUR MA" INCIDENT

During an interview, Noel makes a flippant comment on just how important Oasis are to him...

Liam: (Shouting) You'd sacrifice our ma for this band? Take that back. Take it back.

Noel: No, I won't.

Liam: (First clenched, ready for action) Take it back!

Noel: No. She knows I would.

Liam: I hate him.

JULY '94 - THE TAMBOURINE INCIDENT

Halfway through a gig in LA, Liam, for no apparent reason, whacks Noel around the head with his tambourine and walks off-stage. Later...

Noel: Are mid-gig scuffles common? Yeah, sort of. He asks me stupid questions. It's like, "What the hell are you asking me that for? Just get on with the gig!"

AUGUST '94 - THE PHOTO-SHOOT INCIDENT

At a magazine photo shoot, Noel accuses Liam of being "too big and important to be in this band." For some reason Liam takes offence to this and it's not

long before the bro's get into a fist fight. After it's all over Liam storms out, closely followed by Noel.

JUNE '95 - THE "I'M LEAVING" INCIDENT

Noel walks out of the studio in Wales (where they're recording their second album *Morning Glory*) and disappears for three days. He was angry because he found that Liam had invited "half of Monmouth" over for a big party in his room while he was out.

Noel: They know I'll come back. But one day I will go and I won't come back.

Liam: (Later) He's getting the idea that it's his band and we're all supposed to be sheep. The rest of them go along with it but I'm not going to.

Noel: (Even later) Liam's always leaving the band. It's raining today so he's leaving the band, 'cos it's raining. He threatened to leave once because I wouldn't go to the pub with him.

JULY '95 - THE "RIGHT, I'M DEFINITELY OFF" INCIDENT

Noel: Three albums. And that's it. I don't think I can do anymore with Oasis after that.

"Our kid's" response:

Liam: I'm not up for splitting up. I feel he's got loads of albums left inside him and us as a band have got loads of gigs to do. No way we're splitting up. I'm not into that at all. A good slap round the jaw might change his mind.



**Take five fellas.
Mates. Chums.**

Friends to the end. Sit them down in a circle. Place a bottle and a hat brimming with tougher-than-Frank-Bruno-type questions in the middle of them, and watch as they take deep breaths, stare nervously at each other, and prepare to play the game people have nightmares about – SPIN THE BOTTLE!

"I hope these questions aren't too bad," says a worried-looking Steve.

"I hope they are!" grins Keith mischievously. Right lads, off we go – it's playtime...

The bottle spins, the tensions rises, it stops at **Shane** and... he wets himself!

Shane: I *knew* it'd get me first! Come on then, do your worst! (He grabs a question from the hat)

Have you ever been caught doing something you shouldn't be doing?

Shane: Yeah, I got caught picking my nose by some fans! (Everyone laughs) We were driving along the motorway and I was in the back of the van having a good old pick when I realised there was a car driving next to us full of girls staring at me! I didn't know where to look, I was soooo embarrassed!

Shane spins the bottle, it stops at **Mikey**. Shane grins wickedly and passes him a question from the hat.

Do you worry that people think you're boring?

Mickey: (Looks insulted) No! I don't ever worry that I sound boring when I'm talking to people. I'd really hate to think I was boring!

Keith: Well I don't think you're boring, mate!

Mikey: Ah, cheers Keith! I do sometimes think other people are dull when I talk to them though, 'cos they just seem to go on and on.

Mikey spins the bottle and watches with glee as it starts to slow down; then his face drops as it stops at him again! "MIKEY! YEAH!" shrieks everyone.

Who would win in a fight between you and Oasis?

Mikey: Ayyhhh! The Irish! The fighting Irish!

Keith: (Raising his fists in the air) Ay! No problem!

Mikey: We'd win because they're not as smart as us!

Keith: We're more streetwise – well, as far as Dublin is concerned – and we work out!

Mikey: They'd all be too drunk to stand up anyway!

Ronan: That's a horrible question; I don't like fighting.

Mikey spins the bottle, and it

Keith: Firstly, she's *not* my girlfriend and, secondly, I don't give a monkey's because I hardly know her. She was there with her mate, I was there with my mate, and we just met and had a laugh.

Ronan: Everyone goes on holiday to have a laugh and meet people.

Keith: (Very annoyed) It just so happened that some git decided to take some pictures and ruin my whole holiday, and no one has let up since.

mechanic and that's just a normal, everyday job. If I wasn't in Boyzone I'd still be a mechanic! I miss getting greasy and dirty and getting down to it!

Next please! Shane spins it and the bottle points towards **Ronan**!

When was the last time you cried?

Ronan: (Pretends to blub) Last night when I left the lads! (Everyone chuckles)

Steve: Ahhh, thanks Ronan!

Ronan: Naaah! Not really! It was last week. I was feeling tired and emotional and things just got me down. I felt better afterwards. It's nice to cry and get it all out.

Ronan viciously spins the bottle and **Steve** is the next victim! He is strangely chuffed, until he picks his question...

How many bananas do you eat a day?

Steve: (Everyone sniggers) About one a week actually. Not many, I'm not that keen on them to be honest. I'm not really a big fan of fruit.

Steve spins the bottle. Uh-oh, it's landed on **Shane** again! He plunges his hand into the hat.

When did you lose your virginity?

Shane: I haven't, hahahaha! No, I was 17. It was down at a car rally, but I'm saying no more about it!

Shane spins the bottle, and it lands on **Ronan**. Shane giggles.

Shane: I want to ask my own question! (Takes a deep breath)

Are you still a virgin?

Ronan: (Proudly) Yes.

Shane: (Chanting in a childish voice) Ronan's a virgin! Ronan's a virgin!

Keith: He's very embarrassed about it so don't keep asking him!

Ronan: (Looking thoughtful) No I'm not, I'm actually totally happy about it. I'd rather just wait to be honest.

Ronan gives the bottle another spin and it stops at **Steve**.

It's that game and those lads. Will Boyzone still be mates afterwards...
SPIN THE BOTTLE!

stops at
Keith.

How did you feel about those pictures being printed in the newspapers of you and your girlfriend on holiday?

Ronan: (Opens his eyes wide) Oooooohhhhhh!

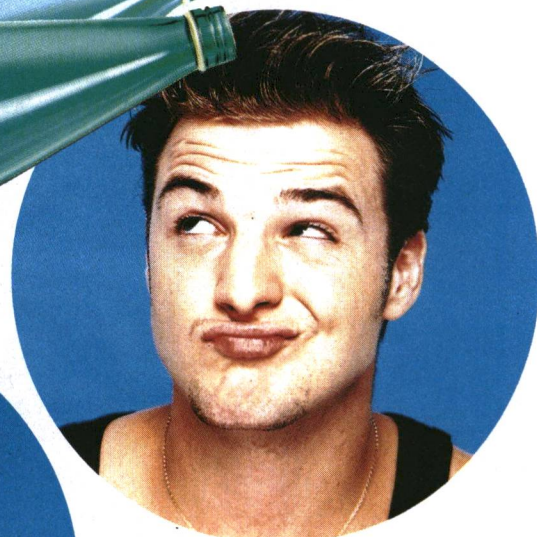
Steve: (Shaking his head) Bad one.

Moving swiftly on, Keith spins the bottle angrily and it stops in front of **Shane**.

How did you feel when Smash Hits called you a plumber?

Shane: Oh I didn't mind! I used to be a





Who's the ladies' man of the group?

Steve: Ummmm...

Mikey: (With a smoothie look on his face) I reckon it's me!

Keith: Well I reckon it's me!

Mikey: (Grinning) OK then, it's me and Keith!

Ronan: If there's a girl hanging around, Mikey will always go and chat to her, *always*.

Keith: Ronan can be a *real* ladies' man sometimes, and so can I, and so can Shane, and so can Mikey, and so can Steve!

Ronan: Yeah, Steve can be a *real* charmer.

(Steve has an "Am I ever going to answer this question" look on his face. But the answer's "no" as the others encourage him very loudly to "spin that bottle!")

It stops at **Keith**. Ronan smirks, picks out a question and hands it over to him.

What will you be doing in five years' time?

Keith: Um, I'll probably be married with loads of kids!

Ronan: I'll still be doing this...

Keith: Oi, that wasn't *your* question Ronan!

Keith spins the bottle; it points at **Ronan** once again!

Who is the soppiest band member?

Shane: (Pointing at Ronan and shouting) Rooooonaaaa!

Steve: Definitely Ronan!

Ronan: I suppose it is me. I can be pretty sensitive. We all look

out for each other in the band, but I think I worry the most.

Ronan spins the bottle and it halts at **Steve**.

Who has made the most money out of Boyzone?

Steve: Well, I'd say I have!

Shane: (Horried) You have not!

Keith: Steven's got the most money because we all bought cars apart from him.

Steve: Yeah, I'm the sensible one, I didn't want to buy a car. I'm saving, so I've got more in the bank!

Well, they've made it! Here's where we depart and leave them to face each other! Unless, of course, they fancy another round? Ptthrrr! Not ruddy likely!

How to play Spin The Bottle

- 1 Someone is nominated to have the first go at spinning the bottle.
- 2 Whoever the top of the bottle is pointing at when it stops has to answer a question from the hat.
- 3 That person then spins the bottle and the next person it lands on is asked a question, either of the spinner's choice or from the hat again.
- 4 Repeat the whole process until you all come to blows!
- 5 The bottle must complete a full circle for it to be a legal spin.



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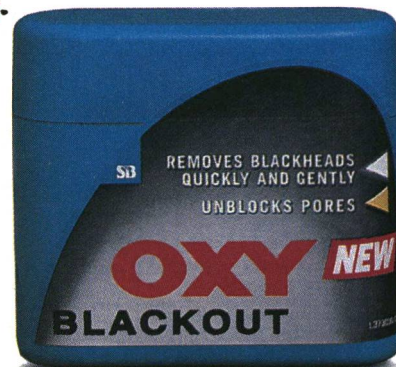


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Hoopla! It's another anagram jobbie!

a non wet lid

Unscramble the anagram to reveal a top telly gameshow host!

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Address _____

Postcode _____

Why, your tricky anagram was no match for my superior wordsmithery skills and the answer is, of course:

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The city is in trouble. Tourists are lost, cats are stuck up trees and even the **Smash Hits** football team are losing. What this town needs is a superhero...

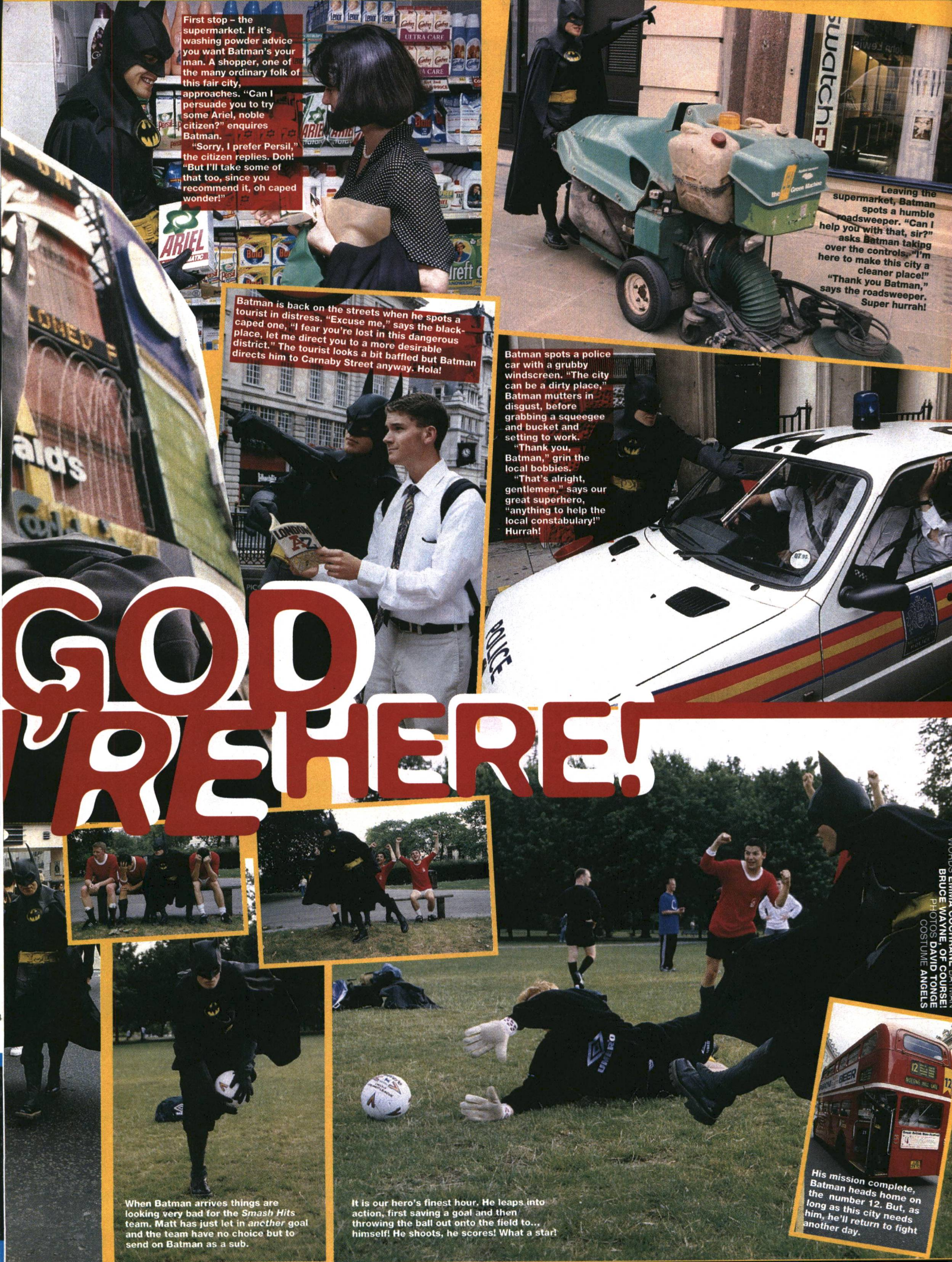
Hurrah! It's Batman. He's hotfooted it from Gotham City and he's here to save the day! Hurrah, again!

THANK YOU



"Mew, mew!" Batman doesn't need super-hearing to catch the faint cries of a little, fluffy, white cat. He sprints to the rescue, scaling great heights to rescue the poor creature from a nearby tree. Phew!

Batman gets a call from the **Smash Hits** football team. They're losing 1-0 (again!) and need his help. "Sure thing," says Batman, racing towards the football field. But he still has time to help a sweet, little, old lady cross the street, before he sprints off into the distance.



First stop – the supermarket. If it's washing powder advice you want Batman's your man. A shopper, one of the many ordinary folk of this fair city, approaches. "Can I persuade you to try some Ariel, noble citizen?" enquires Batman. "Sorry, I prefer Persil," the citizen replies. Doh! "But I'll take some of that too, since you recommend it, oh caped wonder!"

Leaving the supermarket, Batman spots a humble road sweeper. "Can I help you with that, sir?" asks Batman taking over the controls. "I'm here to make this city a cleaner place!" "Thank you Batman," says the road sweeper. Super hurrah!

Batman is back on the streets when he spots a tourist in distress. "Excuse me," says the black-placed, let me direct you to a more desirable district." The tourist looks a bit baffled but Batman directs him to Carnaby Street anyway. Hola!

Batman spots a police car with a grubby windscreen. "The city can be a dirty place," Batman mutters in disgust, before grabbing a squeegee and bucket and setting to work. "Thank you, Batman," grin the local bobbies. "That's alright, gentlemen," says our great superhero, "anything to help the local constabulary!" Hurrah!

GOD WE'RE HERE!

WORDS: JILL WATKINS
PHOTO: DAVID TONGE
COSTUME: ANGELS

When Batman arrives things are looking very bad for the Smash Hits team. Matt has just let in another goal and the team have no choice but to send on Batman as a sub.

It is our hero's finest hour. He leaps into action, first saving a goal and then throwing the ball out onto the field to... himself! He shoots, he scores! What a start!

His mission complete, Batman heads home on the number 12. But, as long as this city needs him, he'll return to fight another day.

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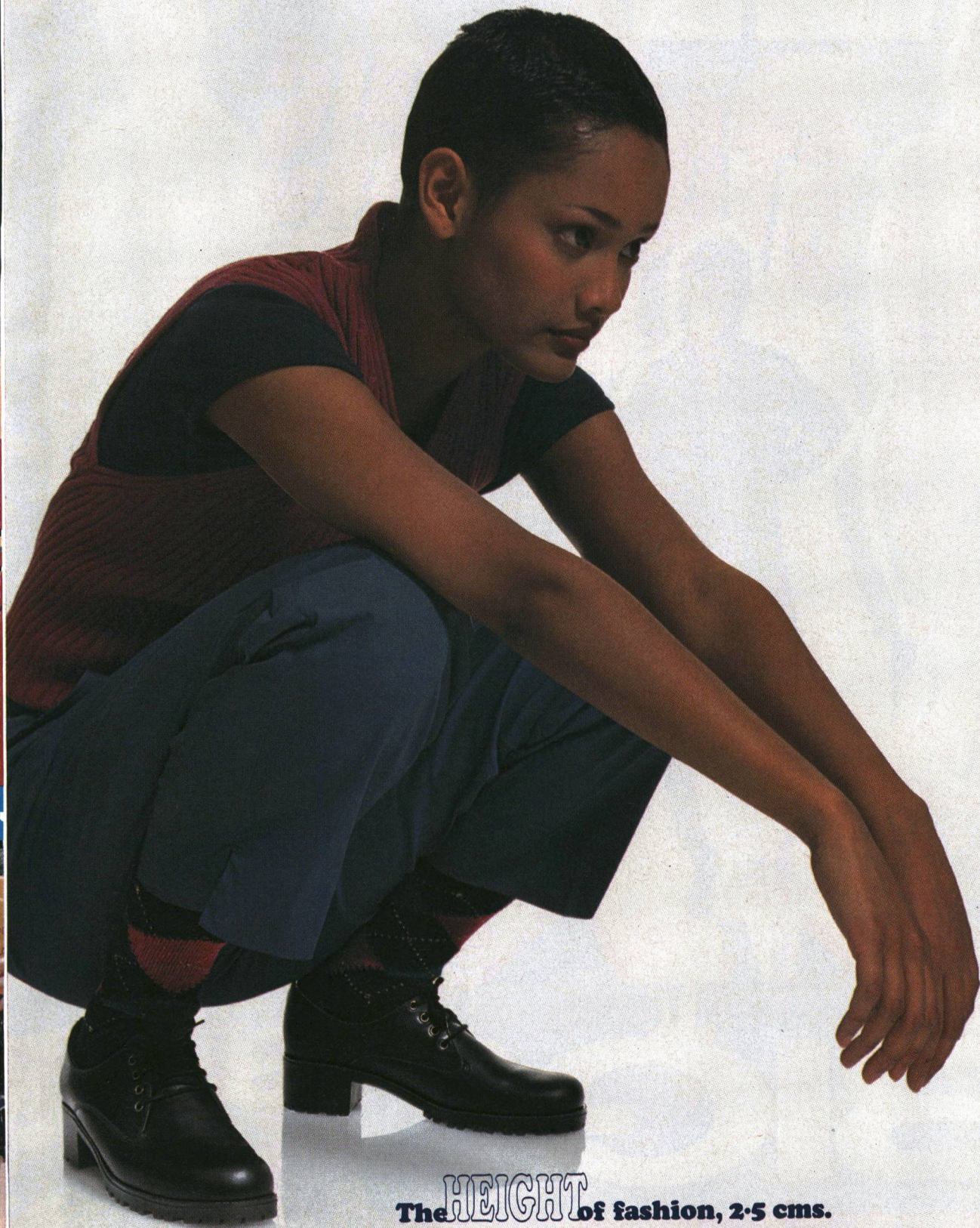
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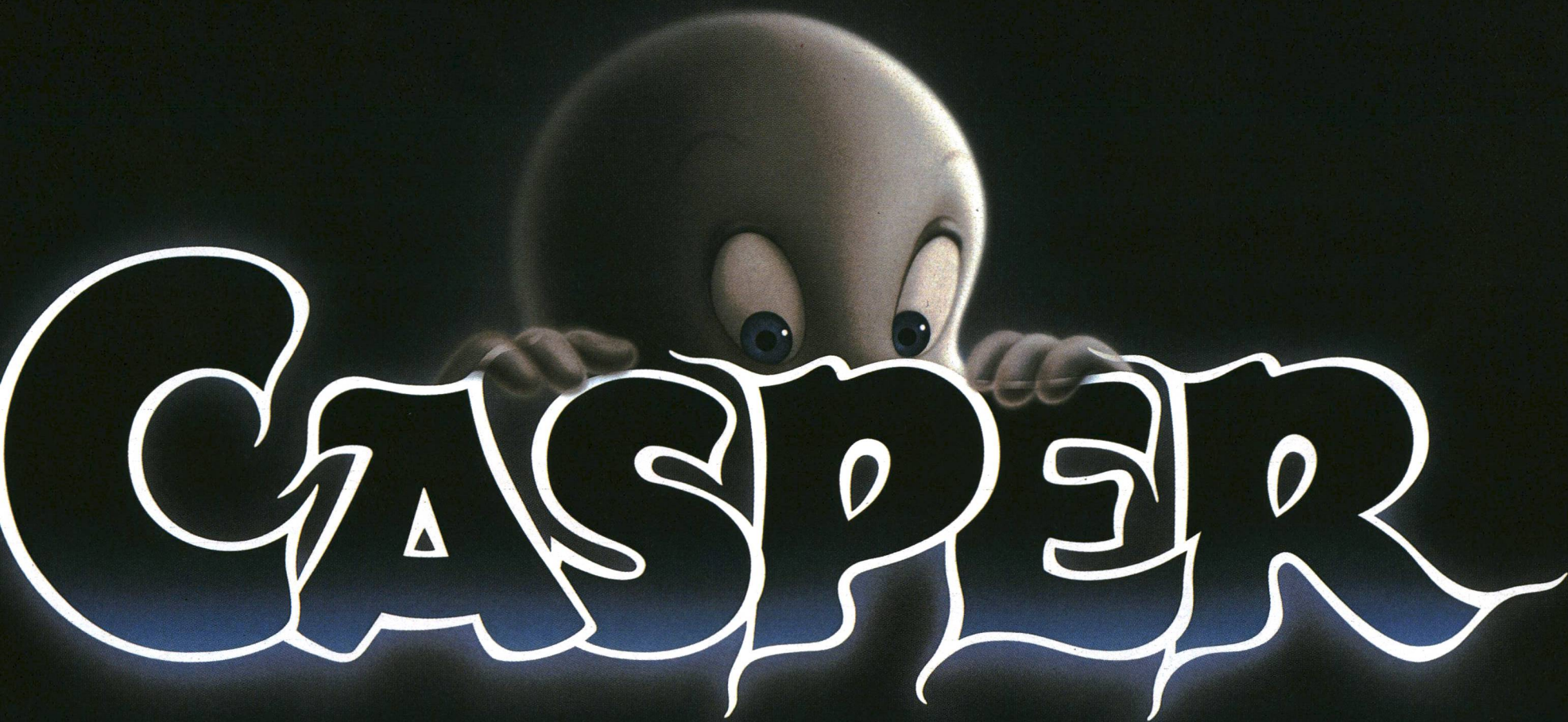
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SECRETS

AUSSIE SOAP

Shannon (Isla Fisher)

It's going to be a yucky year for Shannon. There are revelations that she was sexually abused by a family friend when she was young, and then there's her battle with anorexia. All this doesn't stop her taking a fancy to newly-wed Shane, mind...

Curtis (Shane Ammann, left)

Drama plenty in young Curtis' life when he is caught breaking into a sports store in Yabbie Bay. Alf tries to put him back on the straight and narrow, but Fisher has a harder time forgiving him. Fists fly when Fisher calls Curtis a criminal and Alf takes a swing at him in front of half the school! It's not all bad news, though, as Curtis engages in tonsil hockey with Selina (Tempy Deckett).

Sarah (Laura Vasquez)

You're not going to see much of Sarah in the future. The official line is that nursing her dad is taking up all her time, but in real life Laura has decided to leave the show and have a go at, wait for it, singing! As we speak she is practising her dance moves and getting ready to make a video for her debut single. Now that's original, isn't it?

DO YOU A TRUE OURS FAN?

C'mon sport, what's the score?

Give yourself a point for each correct answer... and no cheating, 'cos the Quiz Police know where you live.

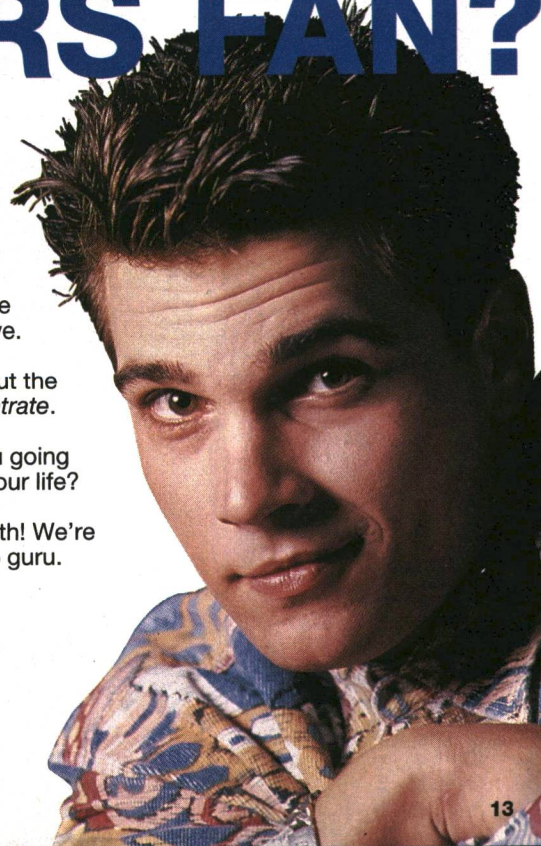
0-3 Drongo! Get out the videos and *concentrate*.

4-7 Dingo! Are you going to be average *all* your life?

7-10 Bingo! Strewth! We're not worthy, o soap guru.

Answers (no peeping!)

- 1 Sydney; 2 Perth; 3 False; 4 E Street; 5 Three; 6 Lassiter's; 7 Henry; 8 Boy; 9 Diabetes; 10 Barbarians.





Is your school as interesting as this?

And the rest of them?
There's never a dull
moment at this high
school. Rivers has a fling
with a teacher, Danielle
and Steve call it quits and
Rose gives birth in the
middle of a classroom.

when Matt arrives on the scene. He tries too hard to elbow his way into the group of friends and the affections of Jodie. Of course he eventually grows on his classmates and becomes a fully fledged smarty pants like the rest of them.

Matt Logan (Vince Poletto)
Everybody's still pretty bummed about Nick's death

that he dumped her for Danielle, Jodie's so devastated about the death of her beloved Nick that she can't even bring herself to sing for a while (yeah). It doesn't take her long to get back into the swing of things and start making eyes at the new Hartley High hunk, Matt Logan.

filming a movie.
Jodie (Abby Tucker)
In spite of
the fact

Nick (Alex Dimitriades) Don't get too excited about the prospect of seeing Nick around in the future because thanks to some dodgy punches, Nick hits the canvas and bites the dust. Doh! It was Alex's choice to leave the series and it was a good one as he's just finished

Nick (Alex Dimitriades)

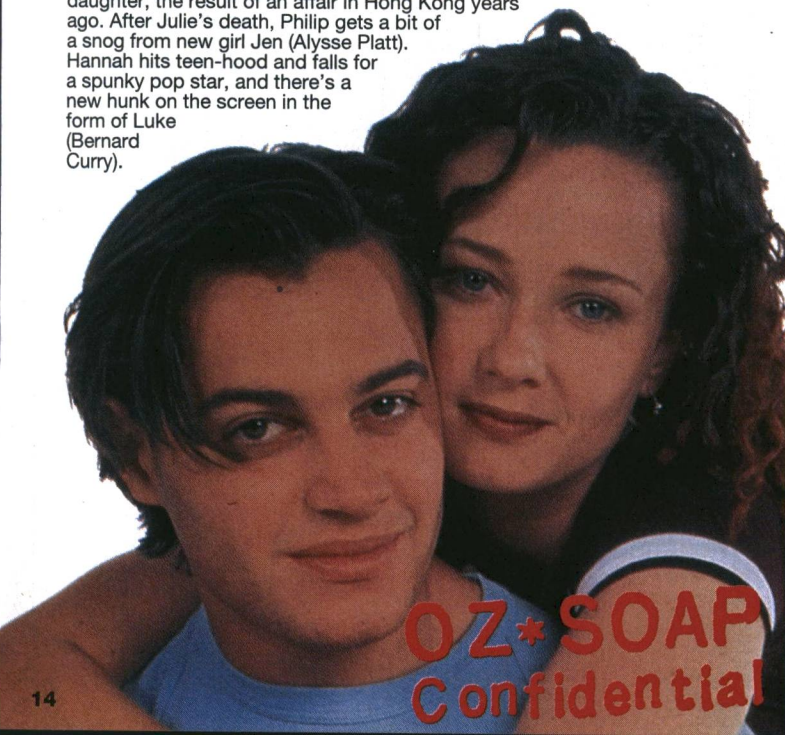
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IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
Yes, it's high drama for the Heartbreak High kids...

Cody (Peta Brady)

Eventually Cody does make it into medical school, but things aren't completely rosy for her. Her heart is broken into a million pieces when Rick leaves, but it doesn't take too long to heal. She soon discovers the hidden charms of her high school buddy, Stonefish, and starts snogging him big time.

And what are the rest of them up to?

Helen (Anne Haddy) finally gets a bit of action on the romance front when she gets hitched, only to have her now hubby die on her just after the wedding (that must have been some honeymoon!). Lucy (Melissa Bell) decides to stay at home for a while when her marriage to a super-creep hits the skids. Lou discovers that he has a daughter, the result of an affair in Hong Kong years ago. After Julie's death, Philip gets a bit of a snog from new girl Jen (Alysse Platt). Hannah hits teen-hood and falls for a spunky pop star, and there's a new hunk on the screen in the form of Luke (Bernard Curry).



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should be killed off!

The worst dressed person:

The best dressed person is:

The worst haircut belongs to:

The best haircut in a soap belongs to:

The worst character in a soap:

The best male character in a soap:

The best female character in a soap:

My least favourite soap:

My favourite soap:

My address is:

I am ————— years old

Belongs to

THIS SOAP BOOK

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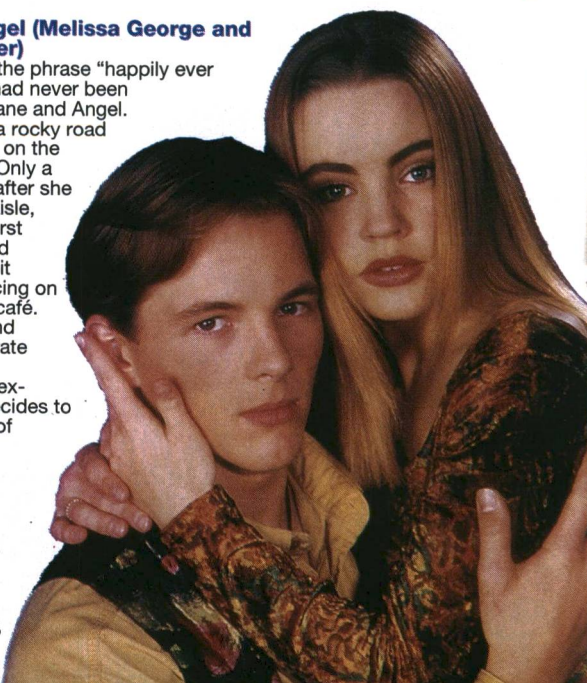
You *don't* say!

Yes, it's all the dirt on the bods from **Home And Away!**

Shane and Angel (Melissa George and Dieter Brummer)

Whoever coined the phrase "happily ever after" obviously had never been introduced to Shane and Angel.

It's not so much a rocky road ahead, as a drive on the highway to hell! Only a matter of weeks after she rolled down the aisle, Angel takes her first wobbly steps, and before you know it she's all but dancing on the tables of the café. But before she and Shane can celebrate her rediscovered mobility, Angel's ex-boyfriend Paul decides to fight for custody of Dylan. Oh dear! Naughty Shane smooches with Shannon. Angel leaves him and is then involved in a plane crash! This brush with death brings the pair back together and, listen, is that the patter of tiny feet?



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THE SMASH HITS READERS CHART

July 20 - August 1

(last week's position in brackets)

1 (2) Back For Good TAKE THAT

2 (1) Scream MICHAEL/JANET JACKSON

3 (6) Boom Boom Boom THE OUTHERE BROTHERS

4 (3) Hold My Body Tight EAST 17

5 (4) Think Of You WHIGFIELD

6 (-) I'm A Believer EMF, REEVES & MORTIMER

7 (5) Unchained Melody ROBSON AND JEROME

8 (re) Whoops Now JANET JACKSON

9 (re) Key To My Life BOYZONE

10 (-) Where Is The Feelin' KYLIE MINOGUE

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Ooh the things they say!

In their ten-year career, the Pet Shop Boys have never been reluctant to mouth off on, well, anything. Here, then, are Neil and Chris' choicest quotes on...

...the Royal Family

We should do away with the Royal Family. They should be publicly executed. Non-violently, of course. (Chris, 1986)

...disarmament

I think we should totally disarm - not just nuclear weapons - have no army, no military anywhere in the whole world. I don't think the police should even have truncheons. I am a total pacifist. I also think there should be a total censorship of violence on television. The Pet Shop Boys say: "More sex, less violence." (Chris, 1986)

...satellite television

I think that satellite television should be abolished. I don't see why there should be these bloody satellite dishes all over the place. (Neil, 1990)

...law

Law and order is basically about dressing up. (Neil, 1988)

...global warming

I haven't got a problem with this global warming because I like it quite hot. (Chris, 1990)

...antiques

I can't stand antiques. I always think they smell really musty and old. (Chris, 1987)

...travel

The more you travel, the more racist you become. You start thinking the Italians are all disorganised, the Germans are all bossy and the French are all horrible. You can't hold it against them though. (Neil, 1987)

...the press

We won't speak to any of the press because we don't want to be pathetic pop stars who've got their cheesy faces everywhere. (Neil, 1987)

...washing machines

Readers, get a washing machine. It will tr-ans-form your life. (Neil, 1987)

...swearing

We don't approve of swearing. (Neil, 1990)

...pop stars going broke

One of the main reasons that people in the music business end up broke is because they spend too much money. (Neil, 1990)

PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW!

Want to know when to expect the hot new releases in your record shops? Well, *Smash Hits* is about to tell you... (Remember most record retailers are quite happy to reserve forthcoming releases!)

Wet Wet Wet follow up *Don't Want To Forgive Me* Now with a third single off the album on August 14.

There's a change of pace for Whigfield when she releases the ballad *Close To You* as her next single on August 21.

Deuce's debut album, also out on the 21st, will

include all their hit singles to date plus one or two surprises!

Their *Smash Hits* Roadshow mates, Boyzone, have their album out in the shops in early September.

Let Loose finally release another single on August 21.

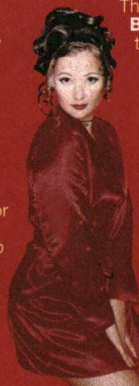
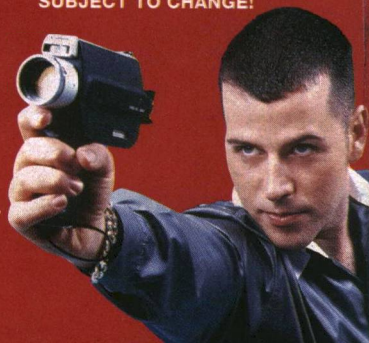
Barmy songstress, Sinead O'Connor, aims for another hit with her single *Feminine* on August 14.

Meanwhile D:Ream have another single out in mid-August, optimistically entitled *Party Up The World*.

Finally, Sean Maguire's faves, McAlmont & Butler, release

their second single on August 21.

ALL RELEASE DATES ARE CORRECT AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRESS BUT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!



the OUTHERE brothers

boom boom boom

Boom
boom boom let me hear you
say hey ho x8

Now hear this
This is the Outhere Brothers back at home
Ready to rock the world with the boom
So I hope you can stand the vibration
'Cos we're about to rock the entire nation

Alright here we go...

Boom boom boom let me hear you say hey ho x8

Girl your booty is so brown
Let me look you up and down
Can I take you one more time
I won't stop it till you're mine
If I cannot be with you maybe I can have a taste
Put your arms around me girl
And your kisses on my face

Boom boom boom let me hear you say hey ho x4

(Repeat second verse)

Jeronimo look out below here comes the brother
With the off-beat flow
I just fell from the mother ship
Outhere brothers about to rip
on another trip
Slip don't trip

Check out dibble dip
Malik is in the house and I'll turn your body into fruit
As I come from the depths of doom
Step back touch down with a boom

Boom boom boom let me hear you say hey ho... (to end)

Words and music: Hula/K Mayberry
Published by: Stip/Zomba
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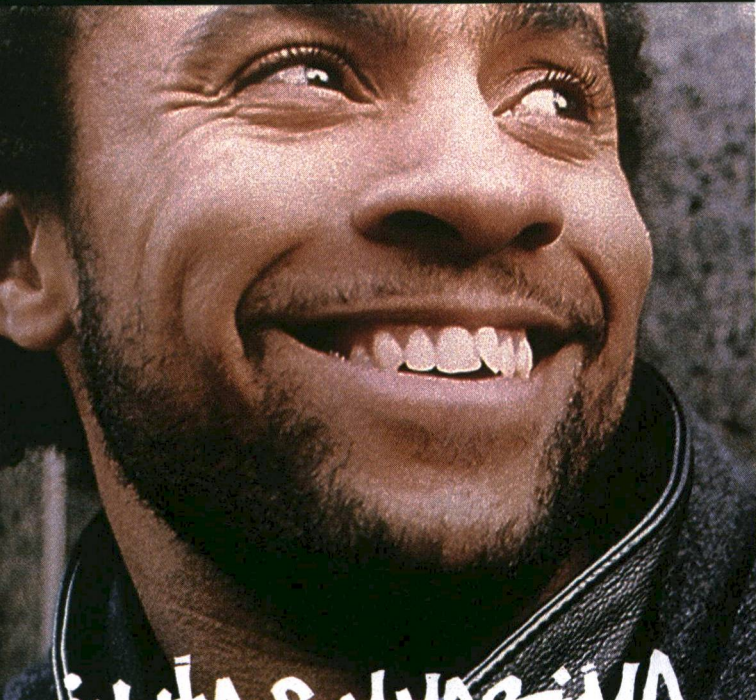
FACT

Hula and Malik are from Chicago and are both 20. Both of their UK singles - *Don't Stop* and *Boom Boom Boom* - have reached number one!

The lads also wrote *Summertime* and *Boomi* (Shake The Room) for DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince.

SHAGGY

FEAT. RAYVON



IN THE SUMMERTIME

It's a summertime affair
Shaggy Ha! Rayvon
Sun and fun in the
atmosphere oh yes

In the summertime when
the weather is high
You can stretch right up
and touch the sky
When the weather is fine
you've got women
You've got women on
your mind
I'm gonna drive and ride
and see now what I can
find

Now if her daddy is rich
take her out for a meal
but if her daddy is poor
then do as you feel
Speeding down the lane
even though the speed
limit is twenty five
And when the sun goes
down I'll make it with my
cutie pie

Weh me say
Pretty little woman sexy as
can be
Sweet as a honey sting
like bumble bee
Shaggy say
Pretty little woman sexy as
can be
Sweet as a honey sting
like bumble bee

Rap
It's a summertime affair in
the atmosphere
I man love off her attire
and the clothes she wear
Some a burn off them tyre
and a draw down a gear
Some a shine up a wax up
not a sign of snare
Got to be rolling in my
christas so the girl them
stare
This is Shaggy and Rayvon
as your ultimate pair
Taking care of our career
so tell the world beware
'Cause it's a brand new

selection for your musical
ear

We say what we want and
we say what we need
And we love everybody
and we do as we please
And when the weather is
fine we go fishing
We go fishing in the sea
We are happy to live life
that's our philosophy

Now if her daddy is rich
take her out for a meal
But if her daddy is poor
then do as you feel
Speeding down the lane
even though the speed
limit is twenty five
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down I'll make it with my
cutie pie

Sweet a run off her body
with her caramel skin
I man smiled at her she
looked at me and grinned
I offered her a drink she
said juice and gin
And I whispered in her ear
I asked how you doing
Where was it that I reside
and I told her Brooklyn
Atmosphere filled with
romance her eyes
sparkling
Just her voice and what
she said let my poor head
spin
Raggamuffin Shaggy with
a musical swing

I say
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(Repeat Rap)

In the summertime
In the summertime
(To fade)

Words and music: R
Dorset/O Burrell/R
Livingston/Shawn Pizzonia.
Published by: Broadley
Music Int/Associated
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Music
On Virgin Records

FACT

Shaggy got his
nickname because all
his friends at school in
Jamaica decided he
bore an uncanny
resemblance to
Scooby Doo's owner!

In *The Summertime*
was originally a
number one hit for
Mungo Jerry 25 years
ago.

HEAVEN HELP

Two smiling faces that's how it used to be
What once was forever now a faded
memory
The perfect illusion for a while I guess it
was
Without explanation the bloom fell off the
rose
Heaven help my heart 'cos it's a lot like me
Wondering when this all will end and I find
the love I need

Chorus
I know it's out there somewhere
Somehow I still believe
I'm asking please
Heaven help my heart

This world can get crazy these are troubled
times
Ooh
I'd walk through fire if love is what I'd find
It's out of my hands so I put my faith in
you
I say a little prayer and hope that it comes
true
Heaven help my heart 'cos it's a lot like me
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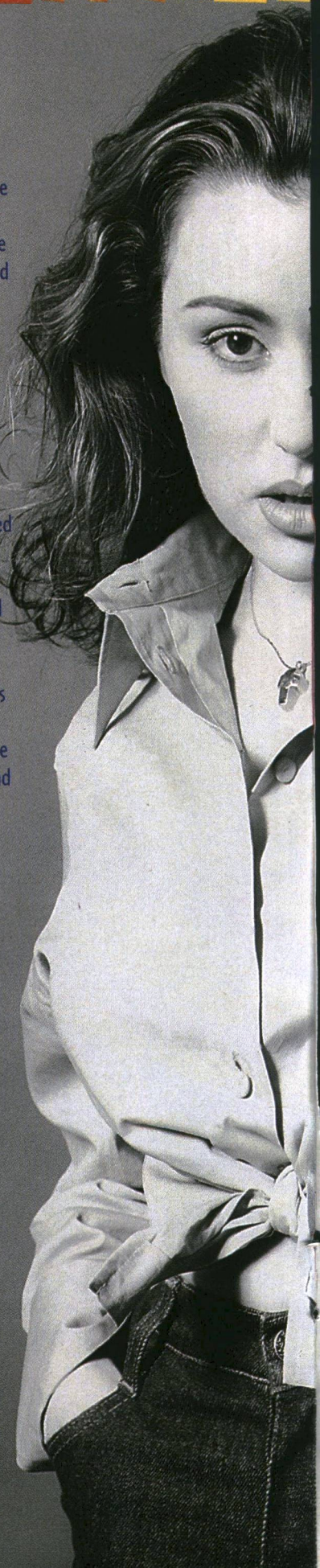
Chorus

(Ooh heaven won't you help me)
Ooh, my destiny
(Ooh heaven won't you help me)
Give me a sad sad sad song
I just can't go on
I just don't wanna
Heh yeah yeah yeah

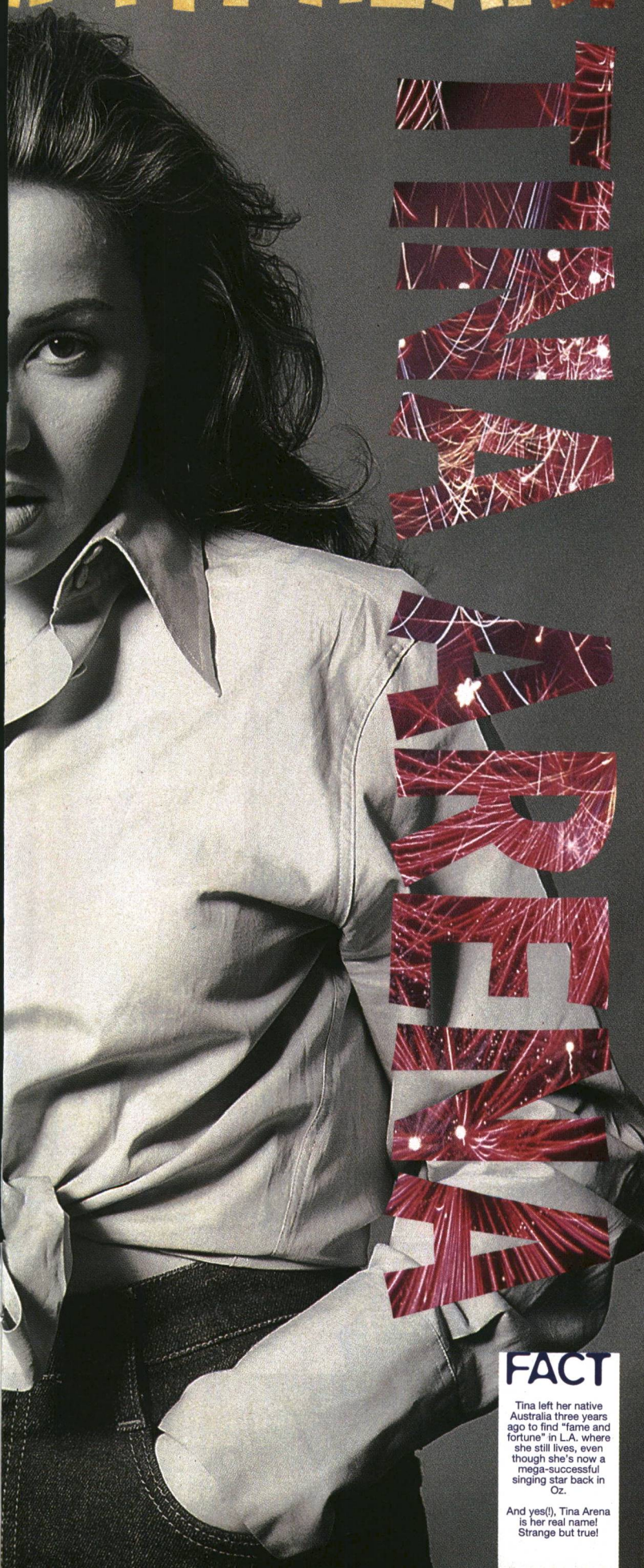
Chorus

Help my heart
Ooh feel this pain inside
Give me one more try
I'll do anything baby
I believe you baby
Heh yeah
Help my, help my, help my heart
Ooh my heart
Won't you help my heart

Words and music by McTaggart/Arena/Tyson
Published: Control
On Sony Columbia Records



UP MY HEART



FACT

Tina left her native Australia three years ago to find "fame and fortune" in L.A., where she still lives, even though she's now a mega-successful singing star back in Oz.

And yes(!), Tina Arena is her real name! Strange but true!



JX's real name is Jake Williams. It just so happens that Jake is a massive fan of Smash! Hits and his proudest moment was when JX was the answer to a crossword clue in this very mag!

Son Of A Gun was a huge club hit when it was first released. The song originally reached number 13 in May 1994.

FACT

A man that's
on the run x3
Is a dirty son of
a gun
A man that's on
the run x3
Is a dirty son of a
gun

A man that's on the run
x3
Is a dirty son of a gun
A man that's on the run
x3
Is a dirty son of a gun

Woh-hoh
Woh-hoh
Yeah
Woh-hoh
Woh-hoh
Yeah yeah

A man that's on the run
x3
Is a dirty son of a gun
A man that's on the run
x3
Is a dirty son of a gun

A dirty son of a
gun x6

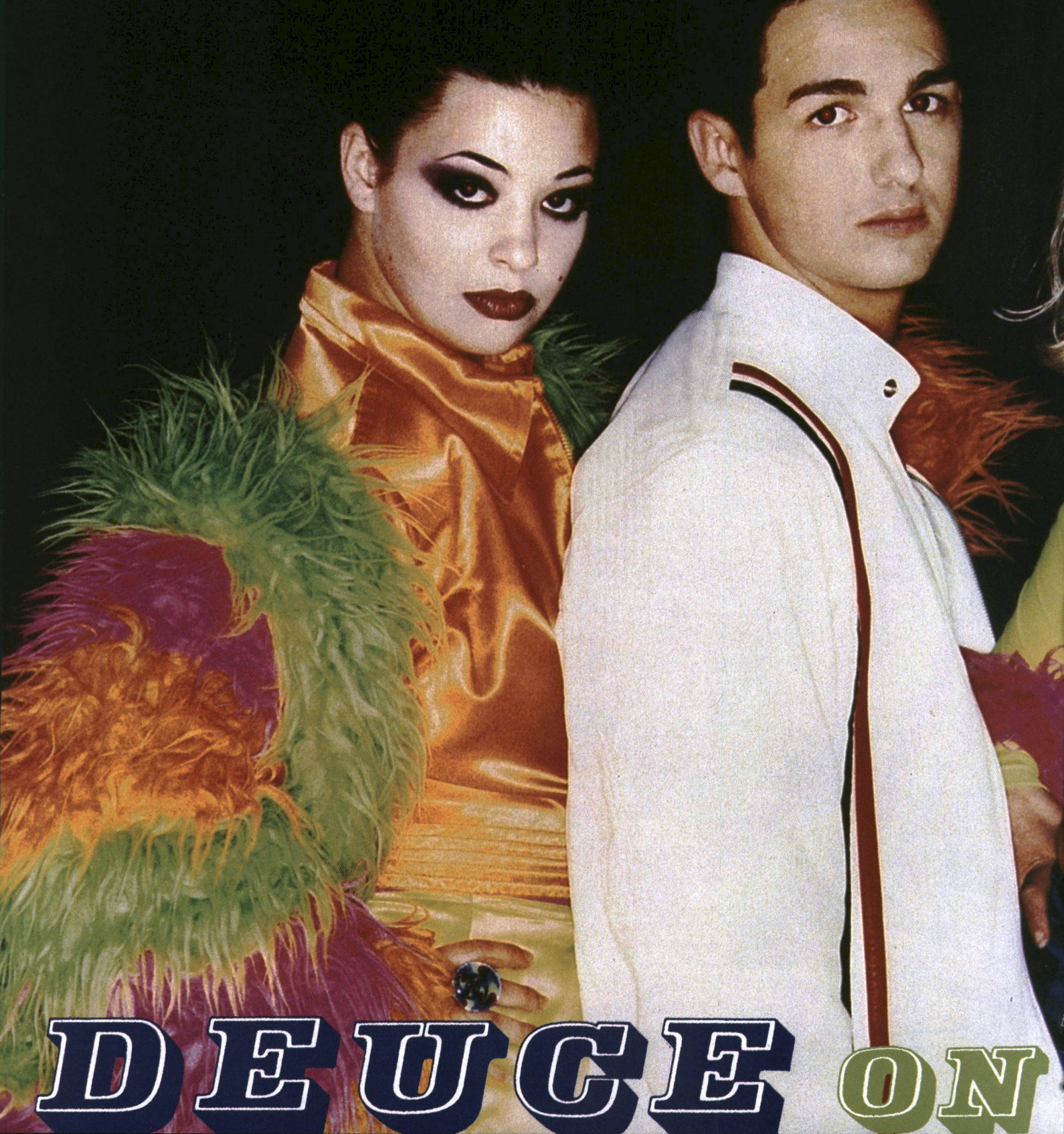
A dirty son of a
gun x4
Woh-hoh
Woh-hoh
Yeah

Woh-hoh
Woh-hoh
Yeah yeah

A man that's on the run
x3
Is a dirty son of a gun
A man that's on the run
x3
Is a dirty son of a gun

A dirty son of a gun
(repeat to end)

Words and music: Jake Williams
Published by: Warner Chappell
Music Ltd/Mute Songs/Hooj
Choons
On London Records



DEUCE ON

Oh oh oh yeh
Because I need you there
I will swear on the bible
(I will swear)
On the bible
I will swear on the bible

From the day I saw you I just had to

be with you
Only you and only with you
From the moment you said yes
It was you and nothing less
Kiss after kiss after kiss after kiss

Oh oh oh yeh

Chorus
On the bible
I will swear
Swear to love you
And I will hold cherish and obey
'Cos I need you there (I will swear)
On the bible
I will swear on the bible

From the moment I saw you
I just knew that it was you
Only you it has to be you
From the moment you said yes
It was you and nothing less
Kiss after kiss after kiss after kiss
after kiss



THE BIBLE

Oh oh oh yeh

Chorus X2

I can make this promise
If I was really honest
I'd rather live for today
Come on girl let's run away

If you eat my apple I'll eat yours -
temptation
It's soft and sweet for you to eat -
temptation
Throw caution to the wind
Let's dance let's sing

Oh oh oh yeh

Chorus X 3

Words and music: Kean/Harding/Curnow
Published by: Porky Pub/Polygram Music/BMG
On London Records

FACT

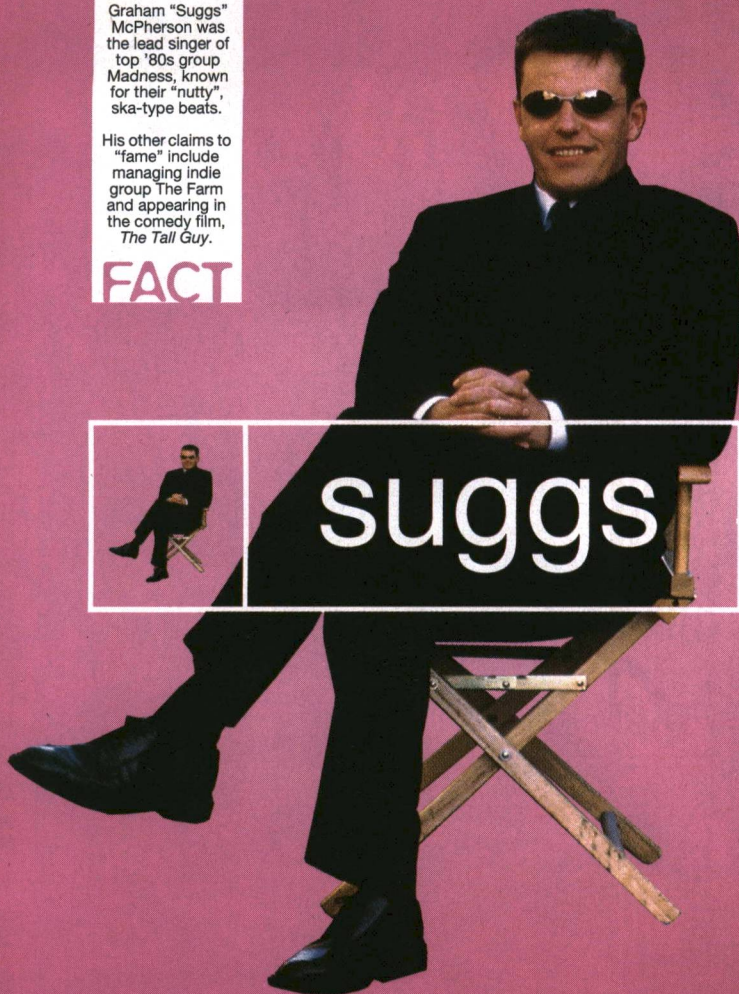
Deuce are 19-year-old Craig (above right), 18-year-olds Lisa and Kelly (left and second right) and 17-year-old Paul (second left).

Craig has had a huge crush on Kylie Minogue ever since he met her at a swanky film premiere. Unfortunately the poor lad was so star-struck he couldn't speak to her and has regretted it ever since.

Graham "Suggs" McPherson was the lead singer of top '80s group Madness, known for their "nutty", ska-type beats.

His other claims to "fame" include managing indie group The Farm and appearing in the comedy film, *The Tall Guy*.

FACT



suggs

i'm only sleeping

Words and music: Lennon/McCartney
Published by Northern Songs On WEA Records

When I wake up early in the morning
I lift my head but I'm still yawning
When I'm in the middle of a dream
I stay in bed float upstream (float upstream)
Please don't wake me
No don't shake me
Leave me where I am
I'm only sleeping
(Hey hey hey hey)

Everybody seems to think
I'm lazy
Well I don't mind
I think they're crazy

And after all
I'm only sleeping
(Hey hey hey hey)

Keeping an eye on the world going by my window
Taking my time
When I wake early up in the morning
I lift my head I'm still yawning
When I'm in the middle of a dream
I stay in bed and float upstream (Float upstream)

Please don't wake me
No don't shake me

Running everywhere at such a speed
'Til they find there's no need (there's no need)
Please don't spoil my day
I'm miles away
and after all
I'm only sleeping
(Hey hey hey hey)
Keeping an eye on the world going by my window
Taking my time
Lying there and staring at the ceiling
Waiting for
A sleepy feeling

Please don't spoil my day
I'm miles away

Leave me where I am
I'm only sleeping

Please don't wake me
No don't shake me
Leave me where I am
I'm only sleeping

No no no
Please don't wake me
No don't shake me
Leave me where I am
I'm only sleeping

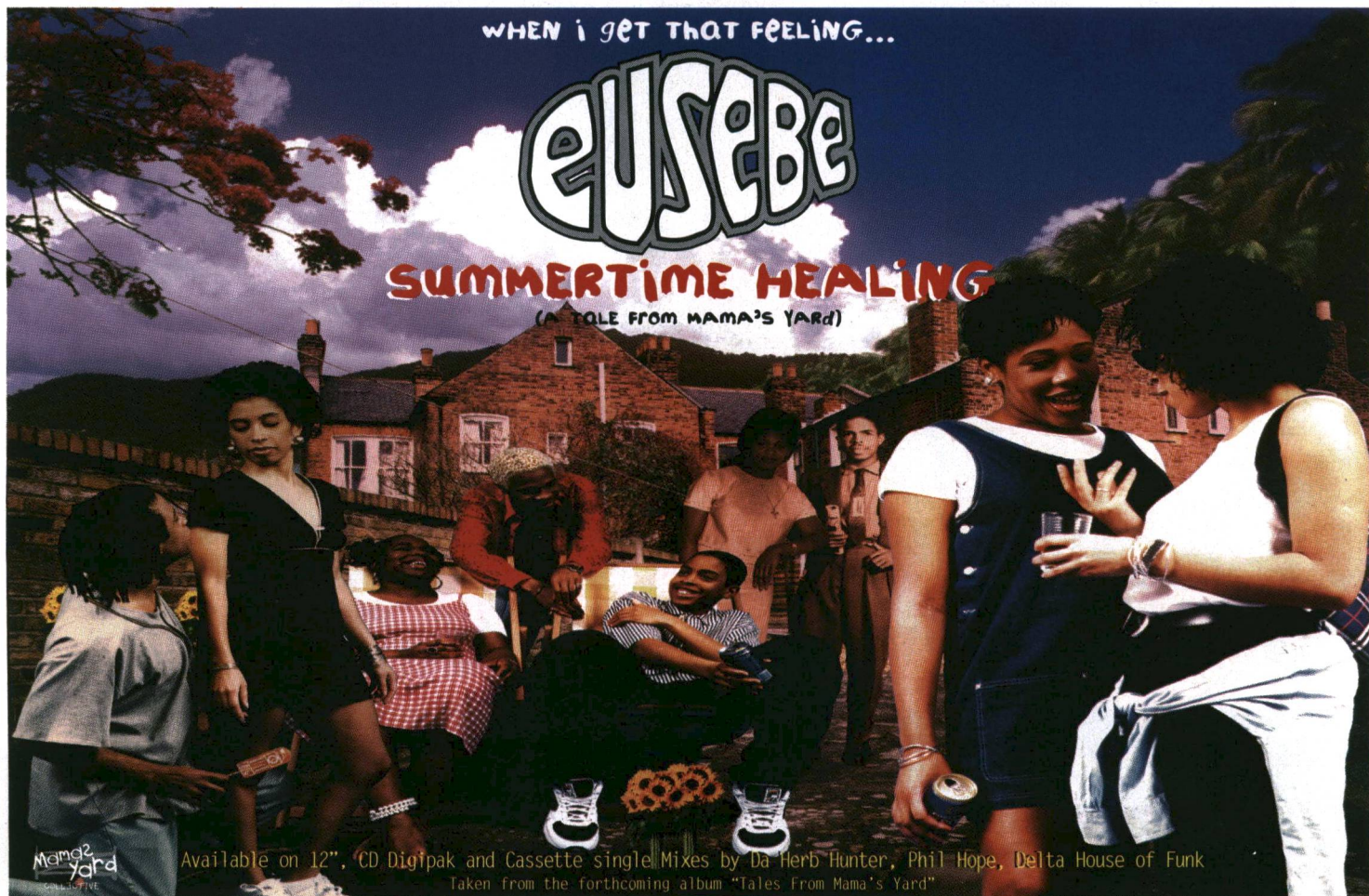
No no no no no no I'm only sleeping
(repeat to end)

WHEN I GET THAT FEELING...

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The band's first performance was on *The Late Late Show*, in Ireland. "We were pathetic," says Ronan.

If you watch the movie *The Commitments* very, very carefully, you can see Steve in a market scene at the start of the film.

FACT

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BOYZONE SO-GOOD



We're gonna be so good	now	Like I knew we should (so good)	Be so good
Like only we could	Chorus	So good now	Be so good now
(Come on and get me now)	Don't be misunderstood	baby...	Chorus
Like I knew we should (so good)	When baby, maybe you know	(we're gonna be so good)	So good
So good	We're gonna be... So good (so good)	No matter the cost	'Cos it's understood
I've heard it before	Like I knew we would (so good)	When we're out on the town getting crazy	You know we're good
And you're telling me no	Like only we could (so good)	I'll show you who's boss	Words and music: Duffy/Gately/Graham/Keating/Lynch/Hedges/Brannigan
And I'm crazy	Come on hear me now	We're just gonna take it all the way	Published by: PolyGram Ireland
We're talking too fast	Gonna be so good (so good)	No matter what they say now	Music Publishing/19 Music
We've just gotta take it nice and slow	'Cos it's understood (so good)	Chorus	On Polydor Records
Sit back let it flow			

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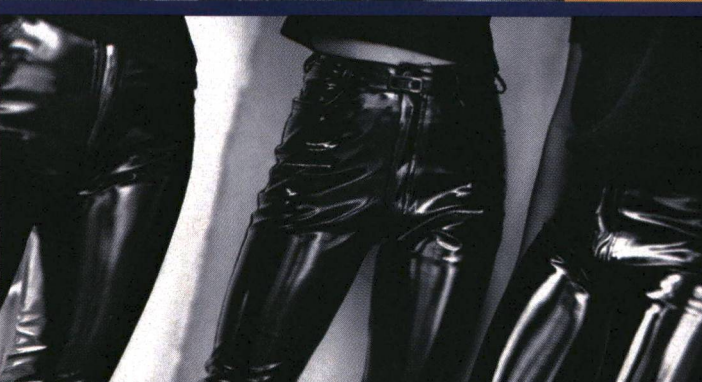
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Paninaro is inspired by the Italian "youth cult" of that name - apparently they wear loads of trendy clothes, hang about cafés (their name comes from the Italian for sandwich), a bit like yer British mod really.

FACT



Pet Shop Boys Paninaro

Passion and love and sex and money
Violence religion injustice and death
Paninaro
Paninaro Oh-oh-oh
Girls boys art pleasure
Girls boys art pleasure
Paninaro
Paninaro Oh-oh-oh

Food cars travel
Food cars travel
New York New York New York
New York Uh-uh
Paninaro

Paninaro Oh-oh-oh
Armani Armani Ah-Ah Armani
Cinque
Ah-Ah a-a-a-a-a

Paninaro
Paninaro Oh-oh-oh
Paninaro
Paninaro Oh-oh-oh
Armani Armani Ah Ah Armani
Cinque

Paninaro Paninaro Oh-oh-oh
Paninaro Paninaro Oh-oh-oh

Thank God I'm all alone

My heart is broken and I want to go home
You know it's all over you're out of luck
You feel so low you want to self-destruct
I needed you and you loved me too
And now I don't know what I'm going to do
But life goes on and so does history
and now I've got to find someone who'll dance with me

Paninaro Paninaro Oh-oh-oh

Paninaro Paninaro Oh-oh-oh
You, you were my lover
You were my hope
my dreams my life my passion my love
my sex my money my violence and religion injustice and death

Paninaro Paninaro Oh-oh-oh (x4)

Words and music: Christopher Lowe/
Neil Tennant
Published by: Cage Music Ltd/EMI 10 Music
On Parlophone Records

"My favourite record in the charts"
by Jarvis Cocker, 31, Pulp

EDWYN COLLINS: A Girl Like You

"Ooh, well let me see. Let me just get the paper to have a look. (Rustles about a bit) Oh, Boom Boom Boom's still there then... (Sings a bit of the song) Ah, it's A Girl Like You by Edwin Collins. It's good, isn't it? I heard it for the first time a year and a half ago. We were staying in a hotel somewhere and you know you get those radios that are stuck to the wall? Well this one was broken, stuck on GLR or something. It was about four in the morning, and you know when you have the radio on without listening, and then suddenly your ears prick up? That's what happened, so I'd probably have to say that's my favourite. It took a while for it eventually to be a hit, and it deserved to be one. It's a very good song."



don't write, just it's for fun!

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Simply match the pop stars with their respective rear ends!

**Kylie Damon
Madonna Prince
Janet Jackson**



derriere d



cheeks b



bum a



rear c



arse e

Answers to last week's quiz:

- 1 Million Love Songs, Take That
- 2 Been Around The World, East 17
- 3 Confide In Me, Kylie Minogue
- 4 Parklife, Blur
- 5 Crazy, Eternal
- 6 Maybe, Oasis
- 7 Love Me For A Reason, Boyzone
- 8 Sweetness, Michelle Gayle
- 9 Saturday Night, Whigfield
- 10 Eternal Love, PJ & Duncan aka

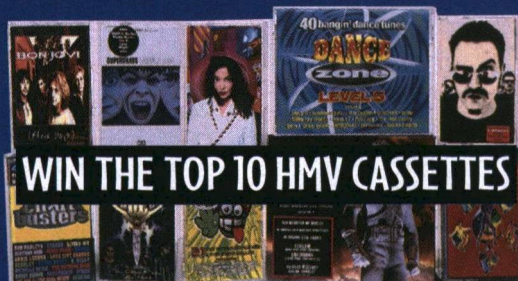
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THE PRIZE CROSSWORD



Fill in the grid and send it to Crossword 244, PO Box 84, Peterborough PE4 5HB, by August 15. The first five correct entries out of the sack will get HMV's top 10 cassettes at the time of going to press.

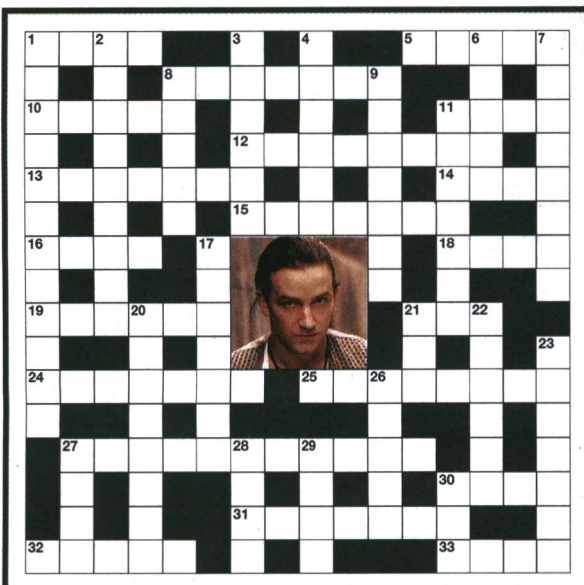
- 1 Bon Jovi These Days
- 2 Various The Best Dance Album.../5
- 3 Michael Jackson HIStory
- 4 Supergrass I Should Coco
- 5 Various Dance Mania '95 Vol. 3
- 6 Various Chartbusters
- 7 Björk Post
- 8 Various Dance Zone - Level 5
- 9 Therapy? Infernal Love
- 10 Jodeci The Show...



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Name

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Across

- 1 See Photoclue (4)
- 5 Melissa George's *Home And Away* part (5)
- 8 Not a handsome child - like Joe (4,3)
- 10 Band fronted by Gallagher brothers (5)
- 11 Julia (Wet Wet Wet) (4)
- 12 Record label with an ocean of talent? (8)
- 13 Hills Cop (Eddie Murphy movie) (7)
- 14 This Morrissey is a man behaving badly (4)
- 15 Youthful, like that Suede song (2,5)
- 16 & 24 Celine Dion's lack of routes (4,3,4)
- 18 He got engaged to *Emmerdale*'s Tina Dingle (4)
- 19 Juice (Michael Keaton movie) (6)
- 21 Country located amid John Cusack (1,1,1)
- 24 See 16 across
- 25 Kimberley Davies' *Neighbours* character (8)
- 27 Let Loose were mad about someone? (5,3,3)
- 30 17 (4)
- 31 Nirvana hit about a metallic element (7)
- 32 Movie star Glenn sounds quite near (5)
- 33 Set You (N-Trance) (4)

Down

- 1 The Outere Brothers' noisiest hit? (4,4,4)
- 2 City that's the home of country music (9)
- 3 And Forever (Luther Vandross) (6)
- 4 Bump and grinder (1,5)
- 6 Chart act that can be said before meals? (5)
- 7 Boil Seal to find another singer (anag 4,4)
- 8 Their hits include *Open Your Mind* and *Sweat* (5)
- 9 De Marco (Johnny Depp/Marlon Brando movie) (3,4)
- 11 Not albums (7)
- 17 Their *Stories* got them into the Top 20 (7)
- 20 Cornflake girl who had a pretty good year (4,4)

- 21 Movie star Thurman in *Human League*? (3)
- 22 Whitney Houston's record label (6)
- 23 City linked with the birth of grunge music (7)
- 26 Supermodel Campbell (5)
- 27 It Love (Deuce) (4)
- 28 Legends Of The (Brad Pitt/Aidan Quinn movie) (4)
- 29 She runs The Kabin in *Coronation Street* (4)
- 30 They were believers in *Vic and Bob* (1,1,1)

Answers to last issue's crossword (243)

ACROSS: 1 & 6 down Robson Green and Jerome Flynn; 6 Army (Of Mine); 8 Gun; 9 Richard (Gere); 12 (Bubbling) Hot; 13 Jane (Fonda); 14 Too Much (Too Young); 16 (A Kiss) From A Rose; 17 Neil (Tennant); 19 Amp; 20 (Rock 'n' Roll Dreams) Come (True); 22 Love (Will Tear Us Apart); 23 (A Family) Affair; 25 (Could It Be) I'm Falling (In Love); 29 Rhythm; 30 Single; 32 & 3 down Think Of You; 33 (Tommy) Lee; 34 & 15 down Ali Campbell; 35 Songs
DOWN: 1 Right In The Night; 2 Bon Jovi; 4 Garth (Brooks); 5 Echo; 7 (The) Madness (Of King George); 10 (Maggie That) Cher; 11 Atomic; 18 LaToya; 21 Trumpet; 24 A Girl (Like You); 26 (Jim 'I) Fix It; 27 Look (Who's Talking Now); 28 I Will (Always Love You); 29 (Stone) Roses; 31 Gig

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TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 PM	5.00pm Beverly Hills 90210, Sky One BBC1 5.35pm Neighbours, (varies regionally), ITV	5.00pm Beverly Hills 90210, Sky One BBC1 5.35pm Neighbours, (varies regionally), ITV	5.00pm Beverly Hills 90210, Sky One BBC1 5.35pm Neighbours, (varies regionally), ITV	5.00pm Beverly Hills 90210, Sky One BBC1 5.35pm Neighbours, (varies regionally), ITV	5.00pm Beverly Hills 90210, Sky One BBC1 5.35pm Neighbours, (varies regionally), ITV
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7 PM	7.30pm Coronation Street, ITV BBC1 8.00pm EastEnders, BBC1	7.30pm EastEnders, BBC1 8.30pm Brookside, Ch 4	7.30pm Coronation Street, ITV 8.00pm Brookside, Ch 4	7.30pm EastEnders, ITV 8.30pm Brookside, Ch 4	7.30pm EastEnders, ITV 8.30pm Brookside, Ch 4
8 PM	8.00pm EastEnders, BBC1 9.00pm Models Inc., Sky One	8.30pm Brookside, Ch 4 9.00pm Models Inc., Sky One	8.00pm Brookside, Ch 4 9.00pm Models Inc., Sky One	8.30pm Brookside, Ch 4 9.00pm Models Inc., Sky One	8.30pm Brookside, Ch 4 9.00pm Models Inc., Sky One
9 PM					
10 PM					
11 PM					

Saturday
5.05pm Brookside omnibus, Ch 4
1.30pm EastEnders omnibus, BBC 1
7.00pm Castles, BBC 1
90210, Sky One
8.00pm Mafioso Place, Sky One

Sunday
1.30pm EastEnders omnibus, BBC 1
7.00pm Castles, BBC 1
90210, Sky One
8.00pm Mafioso Place, Sky One

SOAP TIME

Deep joy! Grab a cup o' tea and nestle down on the old settee, 'cos it's...

QUIZ

ARE YOU A NEIGHBOUR?



- Where did Rick's parents move to when they ditched Erinsborough?
- Where did Brad and Beth move to after they got hitched?
- True or False - there is such a place as Erinsborough.
- What Aussie soap was Bruce Samazan in before *Neighbours*?
- How many actresses have played Lucy Robinson?
- What's the name of the complex where the coffee shop is located?
- What was Craig McLachlan's character's name?
- Did Gaby have a boy or a girl?
- What medical condition does Danni have in the show?
- What was the name of the religious sect Lauren got caught up in?

Jack (Daniel Amalm)
Jack can be a bit of a handful at the best of times but he's taken a chill pill and is trying to play happy foster families. His rivalry with Curtis is set to die down a bit and grow into friendship. There's also good news on the girlie front when he scores a snog or two with a girl named Chloe. But things get ugly when Chloe's father forbids her from seeing Jack.

And as for the rest of them!
Well, there is action- a-plenty in the coming year. Michael and Pippa go through some tough times, Ailsa goes whacko and dizzy Marilyn (Emily Simmons) returns. There's also a new regular hunk in the Bay in the form of Travis (Nic Testoni).



OZ*SOAP
Confidential



1 Alf; 2 "...just to know you are there"; 3 Twice; 4 Yabbie Creek; 5 Daniel Almal; 6 True; 7 Toni Pearson; 8 New South Wales; 9 Red, blue and white; 10 Brooks.

Answers (no peeping!)

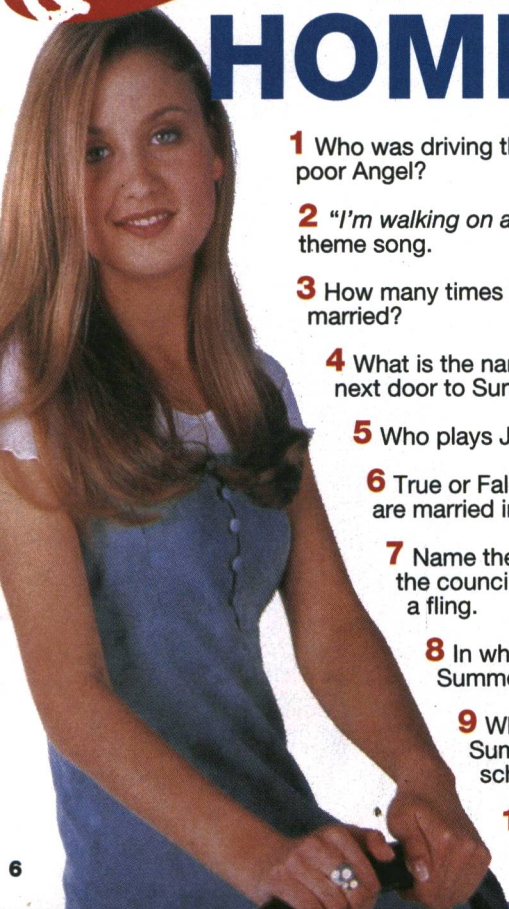
soaps.
the living embodiment of Aussie
the mirror, sport, and gaze upon
7-10 Dodgy didgerdoo! Look in
4-7 Dingo-doggedly average! Not
bad, and yet, oddly, not that good.
cobber - try a bit more TV.
0-3 Dronoi! Forget the summer,
out of ten... and no cheating, mate.
Hey, just sneak a peek at the
answers, then give yourself a mark
Well, how d'ya do?

I A TRUE D AWAY-ER?

QUIZ

ARE YOU HOME AN

- 1 Who was driving the car that crippled poor Angel?
- 2 "I'm walking on air..." Complete the theme song.
- 3 How many times has Bobby been married?
- 4 What is the name of the town right next door to Summer Bay?
- 5 Who plays Jack on the show?
- 6 True or False - Pippa and Michael are married in real life?
- 7 Name the actress who played the councillor with whom Tug had a fling.
- 8 In which Aussie state is Summer Bay supposed to be?
- 9 What colours are in the Summer Bay High Girls' school uniform?
- 10 What is Angel's last name?



Rick (Dan Falzon)
Ernsborough for greener
pastures in the coming year.
He gets offered the
opportunity to pack his
bags and head for
Darwin to manage a
hotel complex. After
agonising about leaving
the love of his life,
Cody, the couple
decide to stay
together and try a
long distance
romance, but things
just don't work out.
The real-life story
is that it was
Dan's decision
to leave the
show so that
he could
spend more
time
working
on his
production
business.

Danni and Malcolm
(Eliza Szonert and
Benjie McNair)
You could be looking at
the new Scott and
Charlene of Ramsey
Street here. No sooner
are Mal and his family
settled into the street
than he's making
eyes at the girl
next door! There
are a few
hiccups along
the way, but
eventually they
shack up
together.

The naughty doings of the Neigh

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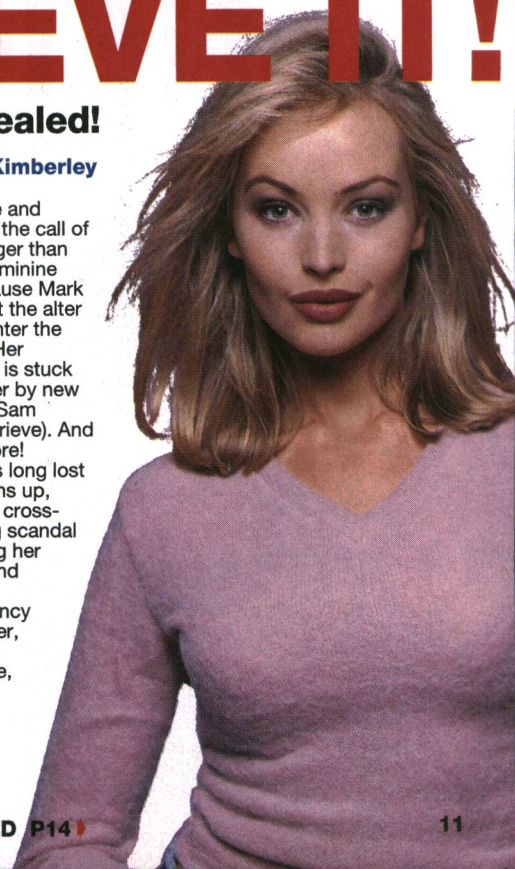
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bours folks revealed!

Annalise (Kimberley Davies)

She's blonde and beautiful but the call of God is stronger than Annalise's feminine charms because Mark dumps her at the altar in order to enter the priesthood! Her broken heart is stuck back together by new mega hunk Sam (Richard Grieve). And there's more! Annalise's long lost sister turns up, there's a cross-dressing scandal involving her father and even a pregnancy scare (er, that's Annalise,

you understand, not her father...).



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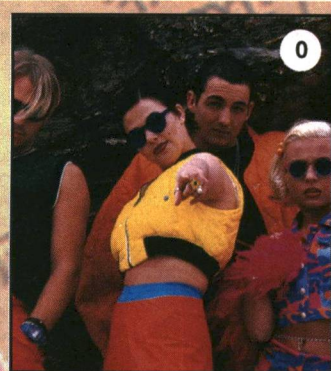
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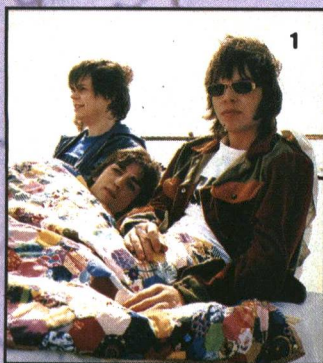
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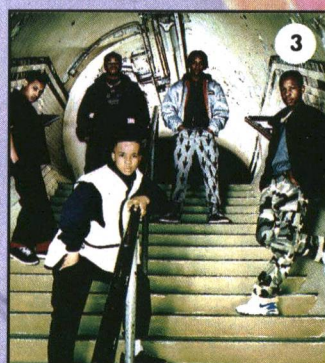
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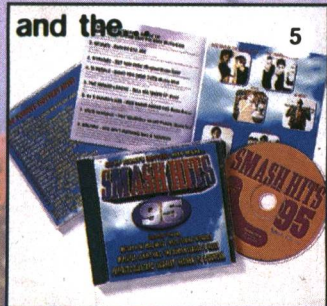
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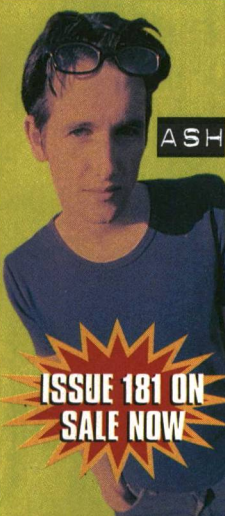
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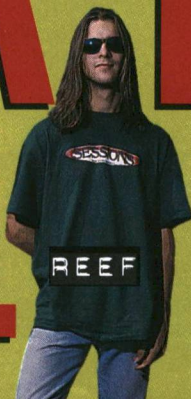
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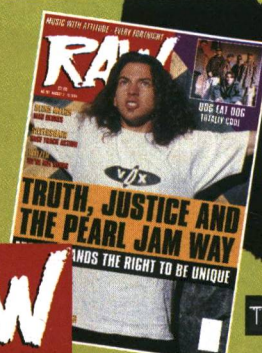
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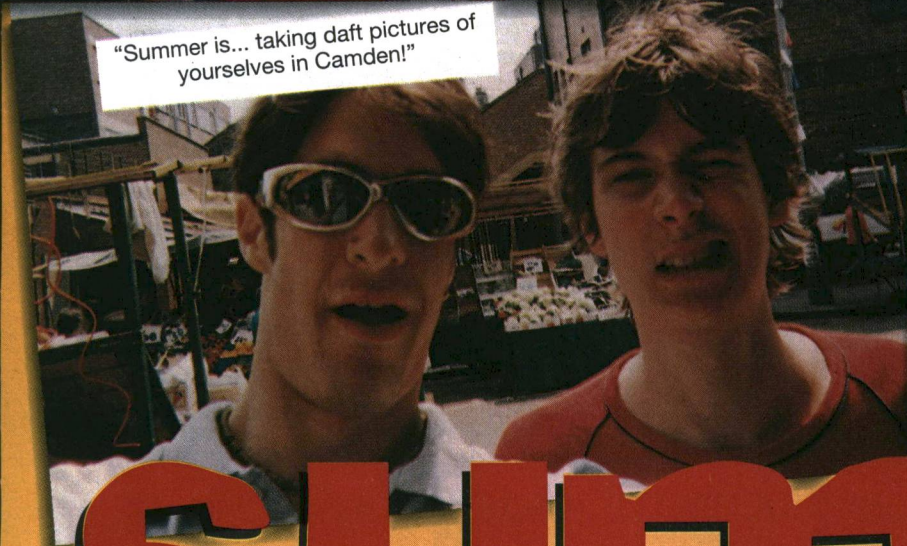
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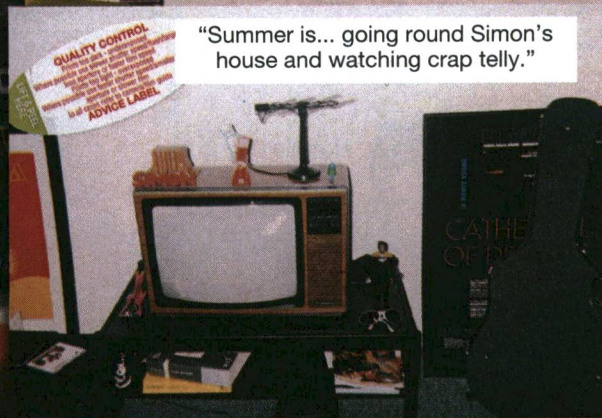
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"Summer is... going round Simon's house and watching crap telly."

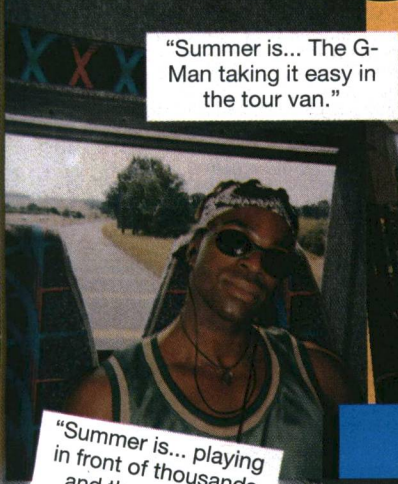


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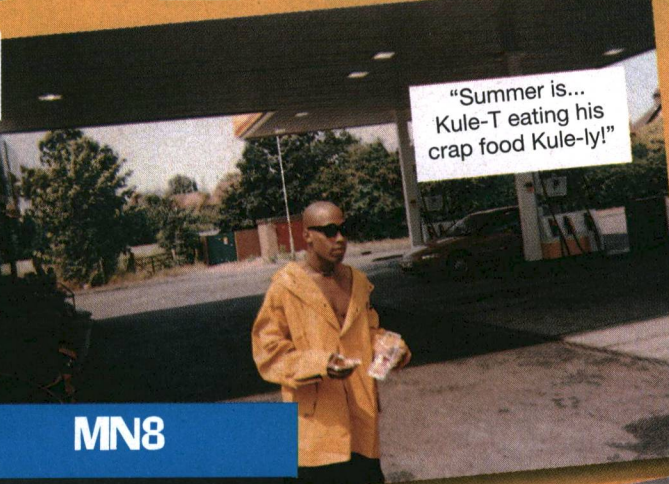


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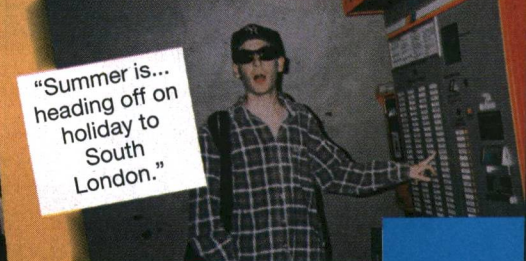
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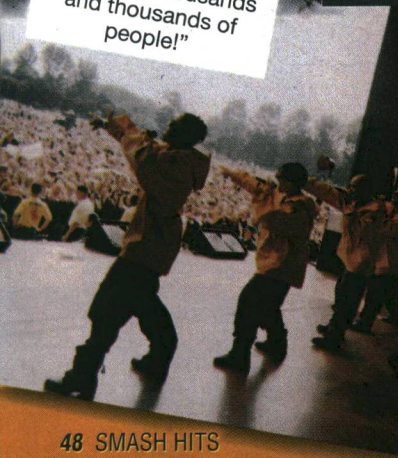
"Summer is... The G-Man taking it easy in the tour van."



"Summer is... Kule-T eating his crap food Kule-ly!"



"Summer is... heading off on holiday to South London."



"Summer is... playing in front of thousands and thousands of people!"

MN8



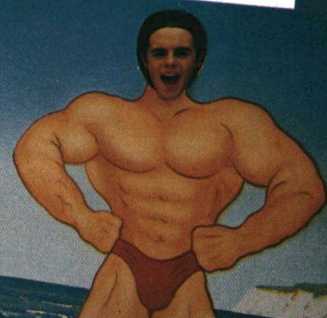
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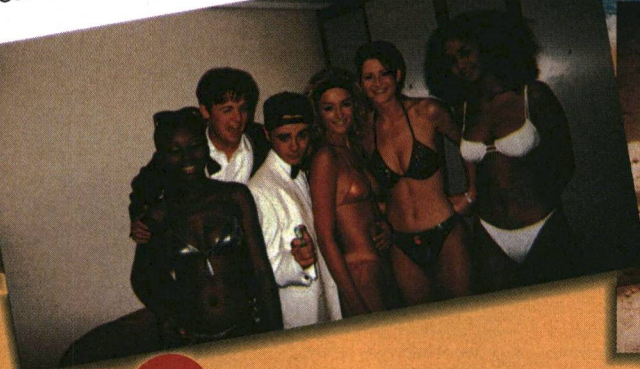
"Summer is... enlisting a JX helper to administer the summer necessities!"

ANT & DEC

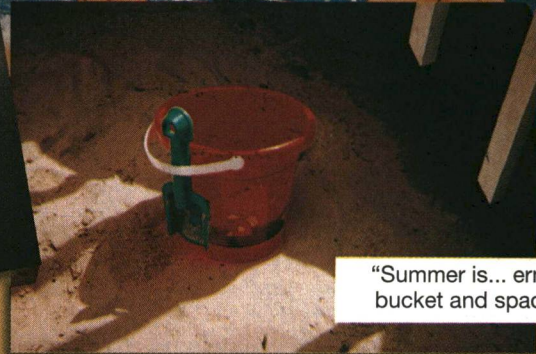
"Summer is... getting your kit off." (We always said Dec looked like a girl!)



"Summer is... Way-hey! Top birds! An essential part of fun in the sun!"



"Summer is... the annual summer 'deck' (Dec - geddit? Ha ha) chair routine. It gets no easier down the years."



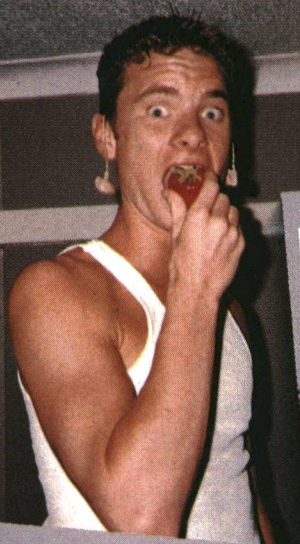
"Summer is... erm, a bucket and spade."

Summer is...

What does summer mean to you? Is it the sun beating down from a beautiful sky? A holiday romance? Supping lemonade in the garden with your mates? We gave the stars a camera and asked them the same question... oh dear!

TONY MORTIMER

"Summer is... me eating a strawberry (notice the very smart in-ear monitors hanging from my lobes!)."



"Summer is... East 17 on a beach!"

"Summer is... working outside in the sunshine!"

"Summer is... lots of saucy sun tan cream!"

"Summer is... nature at work."

"Summer is... kids at play in the fresh air."

FANBRAG



AUGUST, WEDNESDAY 2

Nicky Campbell takes the Radio 1 FM Roadshow to Central Beach, Great Yarmouth, with **Diva**.

Ant and Dec are in Spain shooting some stuff for GMTV. Alright for some!

Let Loose are set to emerge from a London studio this week with their newly recorded second album. Hooray!

THURSDAY 3

Edwyn Collins guests at today's Radio 1 FM Roadshow which stops at the Green Sward in Clacton! The globetrotting **Ant and Dec** set off to Japan for a few days' promotional work.

Thursday night is *Top Of The Pops* night, BBC1, 7pm. Set your video for **Take That** singing *Never Forget*.

FRIDAY 4

The big cinema release this weekend is *Free Willy 2*, starring **Jason James Richter** and some whales.

The Radio 1 FM Roadshow moves on to Priory Park in Southend, with **Boyzone**, **Eurogroove** and **CJ Lewis**. **The Stone Roses**, **Blur**, **The Prodigy**, **M People**, **Kylie**, **The Beautiful South**, **The Boo Radleys**, **Moby**, **Elastica**, etc. come your way! If you happen to live near Mondello Park, Dublin, that is. It's the Feile '95. The **Coca-Cola Football Crazy** event is at the Forest Recreation Ground in Nottingham 'til Sunday. It's an extravaganza of football, fashion, games and new music, and it's free!

SATURDAY 5

At last the time has come! **Take That** play Manchester Arena tonight! And tomorrow night. And every night 'til August 16. Mega! It's also the T in the Park festival this weekend at Strathclyde Park, near Glasgow. Bands

playing include **The Prodigy**, **Dodgy**, **Menswear**, **Supergrass**, **Elastica**, **Therapy?**, **Black Grape**, **Terrorvision**, and **Paul Weller**. **Boyzone** are in Belgium tonight for the first date of a short European tour.

SUNDAY 6

Kylie performs at T in the Park, Glasgow, with **The Shamen**, **The Boo Radleys**, **Tricky**, **M People**, **Sleeper**, and **The Beautiful South**. *The Story Of Rap* is a video and film compilation of the history of rap, on at the National Film Theatre, London. **Ultimate Kaos** are at the free **Coca-Cola Football Crazy** event in Nottingham (see August 4). Be there!

MONDAY 7

Clive Warren hosts this week's Radio 1 FM Roadshows. Today it's fun in the sun in Margate, with **Sean Maguire**.

TUESDAY 8

See **Get Ready** and **Jam and Spoon** at the Radio 1 FM Roadshow, Eastbourne. **Ant and Dec** return from Japan, and lay down some tracks in a London studio.

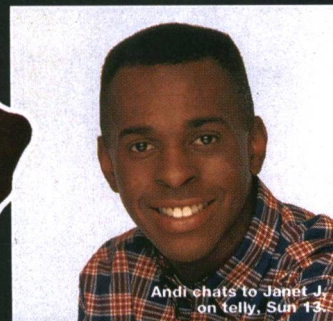
WEDNESDAY 9

The Urban Cookie Collective are on *The Level* for... the Radio 1 Roadshow in Brighton. What else? **Take That** take a day off from

Have a wet weekend with *Waterworld*! Costner's new flick which opens Fri. 11.



Go to the pictures with **Jarvis**! Sun 13.



And chats to **Janet J** on telly, Sun 13.

the live show! Perhaps they're hoping to visit the BBC to film *TOTP*?

THURSDAY 10

Southsea's Castlefield hosts **Clive Warren** and Co. With the funky **Sunscream**.

FRIDAY 11

See **Kevin Costner**'s biggest triumph (or mistake), *Waterworld*, which opens at cinemas nationwide from today. The Roadshow becomes the "piershow" instead today, in Bournemouth. The **Coca-Cola Football Crazy** festivities are at Roundhay Park in Leeds. Lots to do and see and it's free.

SATURDAY 12

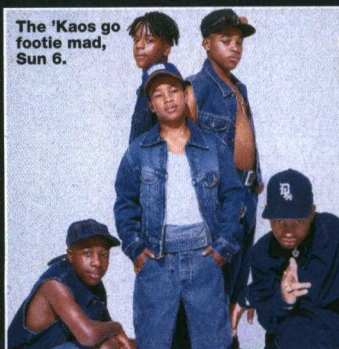
The summer football famine is over! there's no English Premiership yet, **Gazza**'ll his stuff for Rangers.

SUNDAY 13

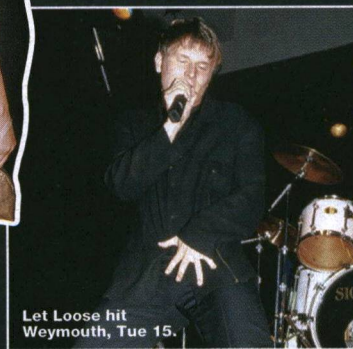
screening of the "up north" cult film *Kes* at the Film Theatre, London, tonight, introduced by **Cocker**!



Have a Felle with **Kyles**, Fri 4.



The 'Kaos go footie mad, Sun 6.



Let Loose hit Weymouth, Tue 15.

Andi Peters chats to **Janet Jackson** in Norway on *The O-zone*, BBC 2 11.45 am.

MONDAY 14

Let Loose! **Kenny Thomas**! **Simon Mayo**! See them all at the Radio 1 Roadshow on Weymouth beach.

TUESDAY 15

Let Loose! **Kenny Thomas**! **Simon Mayo**! Again! But this time on the esplanade in Exmouth.

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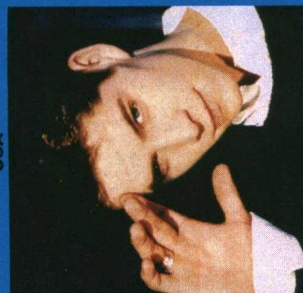
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BE THE PAGES THAT MAKE SURE YOU'RE ALWAYS CLOSE TO THE STARS!

SEARCH OUT THE STARS

Your fortnightly guide to the places stars hang-out!

This issue: Kylie Minogue

Place: The Atlantic Bar and Grill, Glasshouse Street, London. The nearest tube station is Piccadilly Circus; turn left at the statue of Eros and keep going.

What's it like? A très upmarket art-deco style restaurant and bar. As soon as you walk in you notice what could be the biggest chandelier in the world hanging in the stairwell. It's got swank gold coloured carpets all over the place as well.

When does Kylie go there? When she needs to chill out or have a quiet meal with friends.

Top showbiz mates? Liam from Oasis and Robbie from, er, Stoke-on-Trent also pop in from time to time.



Number Eight: The Atlantic Bar and Grill

GUESS THE GOSSIP ANSWERS

The connection is that Steve has just received the first bill for his new mobile phone. And it was for £620!! Yee-ikes! It's good to talk, eh?

Wa-hey!

Look out for the *Smash Hits* cameras at the following stores this weekend:

Kirkcaldy Rhyl Derby
Chorley (Lancs)
Canterbury Gloucester
Uxbridge Thurrock

our price

...and you could be a winner!

Here's how it works:

- 1 Arrive at the store before 11.30 on the morning of Saturday, August 5.
- 2 Arm yourself with a copy of *Smash Hits*, clutch a banana, and wear your best smile.
- 3 Say "Cheese!" while the cool Our Price personage takes your photo.

IF ONLY SHE'D HAD HER BANANA AND HER COPY OF SMASH HITS!



NEXT ISSUE: NEW TOWNS, NEW STORES AND A NEW WINNER... IT COULD BE YOU!

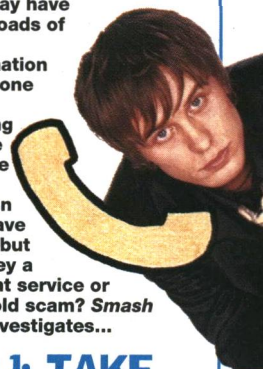
say "cheese" with **our price** and win the top 10 singles!

We'll take 24 photos of you lot in each store, choose one, and print it in the August 30 issue. Then if you spot your circled face smiling out from the Fanbase pages in that issue, you win the top ten singles on CD or cassette! Easy-peasy lemon-squeezy!

If you do spot yourself please drop us a note with your name, address, age and fave band to: **Nikki Causer, 5th Floor, Mappin House, Winsley St, London W1N 7AR.**

PHONE THE STARS! (sort of...)

You may have seen loads of star information telephone lines offering to give you the latest goss on your fave star... but are they a brilliant service or a big old scam? *Smash Hits* investigates...



NO 1: TAKE THAT

Telephone number: 0891 313 030 (calls cost 39p per minute "cheap" and 49p at all other times). Ask permission before using the line.

What you hear in...

Minute 1: For the first 15 seconds you are advised to hang up, hence giving the impression of a "responsible" premium-rate phone line. We're told the fan club address, then told that the lads have their own messages on other lines...

Minute 2: ... These numbers are then listed. We're also told there are concert tickets left and given a phone number - but too quickly to write down!

Minute 3: We're given the fan club address again, and told about its services. The whole message lasts 2½ minutes.

Overall cost: 98p cheap rate, £1.23 peak rate.

Verdict: Most useful for new fans. The ticket info was good, but a bit lost amongst the rest. Simple to use, but didn't tell us anything we couldn't have found by other (cheaper) means.

Rating (out of ten): Four. Not much cop if you're a die-hard fan. The boys' message lines tell you the same info first, then go on to more interesting stuff - birthdays, goss, etc. So they're better, but more expensive!

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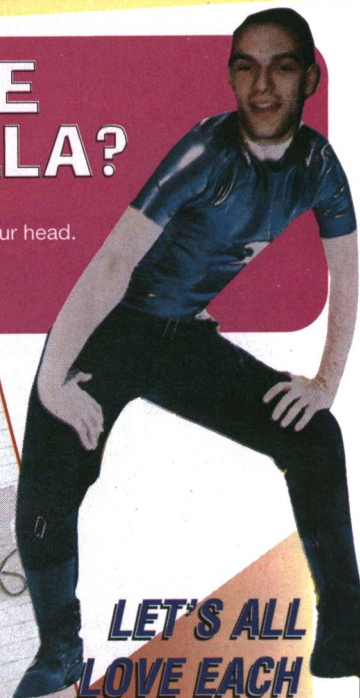
**"IT'LL BE THE
PET SHOP BOYS
NEXT... DOH!"**

Why has everyone decided to come back into the pop world. First Michael Jackson, then U2 and now Haddaway is thinking "Oh yeh, I'll do that" so he comes back and then Shaggy comes back and then D:Ream. I mean, who else will come back? Whitney Houston? 2 Unlimited? Ace Of Base?
Lee Eldred, Peterborough

Hear hear! All of these people coming back clogging up, ooh, about 95% of the chart! How terrible. Seriously, though, we love your style Lee and seeing as how there wasn't much else in the pile of letters we're giving you the £20. Spend it on what you will. How about the new 2 Unlimited single?

WHO IS THE HUNKY FELLA?

Dear Mark,
On your letters page we only ever see your head.
So I decided to get you a hunky body!
Julie Beck, Gravesend

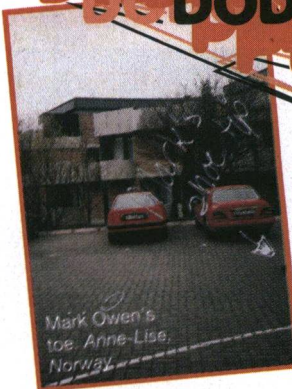


**LET'S ALL
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OTHER,
YEAH?**

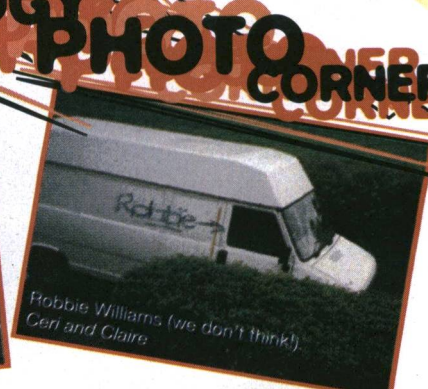
From
"Flower Child",
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Dear Mark
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Vibes,
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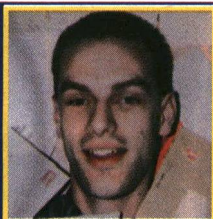


Mark Owen's
toe, Anne-Lise,
Norway



Robbie Williams (we don't think)
Ger and Claire

It's the all-new letters page! Send us your gags/pictures/opinions and especially send us pictures of you doing "the Jovi" in unusual places and you and a star doing "the Jovi". Get to it... We're at: **Mark Frith, Letters, Smash Hits, 4 Winsley Street, London W1N 7AR.** And there really *will* be a new pic next issue...



FORM AN ORDERLY QUEUE!

Dear Mark,
I'm the president of the NKOTB Brazilian Official Fan Club and we are looking for fans in the whole world. We invite the fans: if you love NKOTB, please write to us. We'll be waiting for your letter...

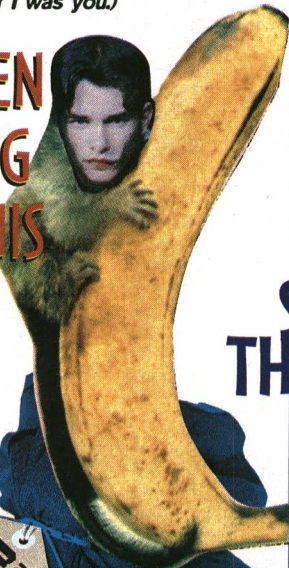
Kisses

Ana Paula De Barcellos, President

Ana, face facts - they've split up. They've gone. They are no more. They are an ex-group! The war's ended as well, you know? Wet Wet Wet aren't number one any more either, you know? (By the way, if you do want to join write to: NKOTB Official Brazilian Fan Club, R. Inhandui 90/301, Porto Alegre, RS CEP 90820 - 170, Brasil. But I wouldn't bother if I was you.)

STEPHEN PLAYING WITH HIS FOOD

"Ant McPartlin's Ventalin Inhaler", London



SMASH HITS BULGING MAILBAG!

The Top Five Subjects you lot are writing in about this fortnight:

1 (-) ANON IN THE THUMBOMETER

"Blur aren't fit to breathe the same air as the fab five," they said. *Bad move...*

2 (1) "CAN I HAVE £20?"

Another bumper postbag. Reasons? You want to pay for your friend's therapy 'cos they're besotted by me; to buy loads of Pogs™; and to buy a lilo 'cos your rat ate the last one (?).

3 (re) "THAT BLOKE IN THE ALEX PARTY VIDEO"

Who has now turned up with Clock on Top Of The Pops. Any more sightings?

4 (-) GREG RUSEDSKI

Ooh, you like him...

5 (-) HUGH GRANT

General consensus: "Everyone makes mistakes."

YOU LOVE IT!

● I just want to say how excellent Blur were at Mile End the other week (*Smash Hits*, July 5). The music was blinding, Alex was sexy and Damon sexier. To everyone who went, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. See you all at the next concert whenever that may be. "Tracy Jacks", Billericay

● I would just like to point out to the rest of the world how really cool Home And Away's Selina really is. OK, so her taste in clothes and shampoo aren't so hot. But her taste in pop groups is excellent. If you look at her bedroom door she only has a poster of the most amazing group ever to grace the galaxy... TAKE THAT! Coo-el or what?

Hannah, London

SMASH HITS THUMBOMETER

● I was very offended about you referring to the name Rebecca as poncey (*Tank Girl*, June 21). I was disgusted by this "nameism"; I'd prefer to be Rebecca than Tank Girl. Rebecca Jones, Mid-Glamorgan

● I don't suppose you translated the letter from Pamela J, The Wirral (Thumbometer, June 7) did you? It said: "I think Dan Falzon is marvellous. But Take That are stupid and you are a jerk! I must get tickets for Australia because I need Dan Falzon! It's very expensive! Give me money!" A Half-Spaniard, Manchester

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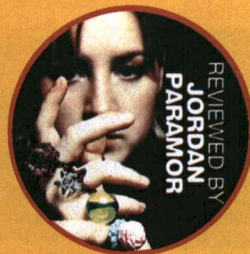
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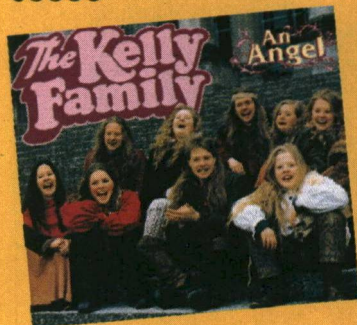
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ALI CAMPBELL: Let Your Yeah Be Yeah

Anyone seen my pillow? 'Cos considerate Ali's lulling me to sleep with his usual mix of soft reggae and, er, soft reggae. This song kind of saunters along dreadingly like a Saturday trip to Sainsbury's with your mum, but there's not even the excitement of slipping all the smart things into the trolley while she's not looking. Boo!

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THE KELLY FAMILY: An Angel

The first time this sickly, folky tune hit the office stereo most people wet themselves, rolled on the floor and pronounced it "crap". Except for me, and one other berk, who shall remain nameless. The Kelly Family (there's about 146 of them!) are one of Germany's biggest bands (chortle), and easily out-sell Take That! And there's something appealing about a group that can bring "happiness" to so many people. Have a listen and if the tune doesn't make you a smile just take a look at that "tasty" cover picture!

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LISA MOORISH: I'm Your Man

Let's get one thing straight here, I love George Michael's stuff, but the thought of someone doing a cover version of one of his songs made me feel so afraid that I hibernated under my desk. Then someone tricked me into listening to it, and what a relief! It's great! It's

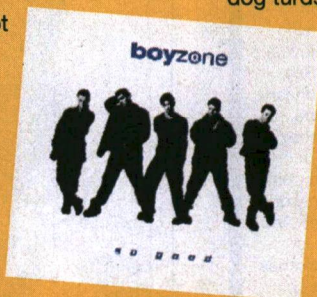
laid-back and funky with smooth vocals, and, joy of joys, George even sings on it! The only thing that worries me now is Lisa's evident gender crisis!

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BOYZONE: So Good

Tonight, Ladies and Gentlemen, Boyzone are... MN8! Yes, the Dublin fivesome have gone and got funky! Brace yourselves though, 'cos it takes a bit of getting used to, but I guarantee that by the fourth listen you'll be jangling round your room, clicking your fingers and muttering, "Oh gosh... this is soo good!" Ha-ha! And if that weren't enough, the B-side, *Here To Eternity*, is just as fab! Hoo-rah!

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DOG EAT DOG: No Fronts

Yo, man! Grab your shades, a pair of jeans that are 17 sizes too big, and slide onto the dancefloor.

Now, lift your legs unfeasibly high and wave your arms around like they're on

ASH: Girl From Mars

Imagine you're on a "hot" date with the class loser, he's telling you about his old coin collection and the "hilarious" time he got diarrhoea. You're just about to throw up on him when suddenly he slips in the fact that he's Keanu Reeves' cousin and he instantly metamorphoses into Mr "Love God"! That's kind of like this number. The first few seconds of this seem to just thrash heavily for ages, but then it develops young-indie-fella style ('cos, er, Ash are young indie fellas!), and all of a sudden it starts to sparkle, then the tune comes in, and it's bloomin' brilliant! And suddenly, just like Keanu's relation, you see the whole thing in a new light. Champion!

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fire, 'cos Dog Eat Dog are kickin' it old skool BIG TIME!! This is a sharp hardcore rap tune that bangs and thuds its way from start to finish. Marvellous.

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MICHELLE GAYLE: Happy Just To Be With You

Michelle Gayle could sing about dog turds and still manage to pull off a classy record. And this is just the song to prove it. Without the ex-EastEnders talents it could have been an instantly forgettable ditty, but with Michelle's capable vocal chords it becomes an enjoyable, elbow-jigging jingle

that's very reminiscent of that classic '70s disco anthem *We are Family* by Sister Sledge. And there's not a single mention of dog turds. Phew!

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NIGHTCRAWLERS: Don't Let The Feeling Go

In five years' time some DJ fella will spin *Push the Feeling On* on his wheels of steel, and everyone will "aahhh" at the memories of it. Unfortunately, that won't happen with this little number 'cos it's simply not as good! It's still got the

beats and the bleepy bits, and the bloke with the electronic voice, so I'm sure I'll be up dancing to it like an idiot after a few too many shandies! But, as often happens after a few shandies, it will all be forgotten in the morning.

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MOIST: Push

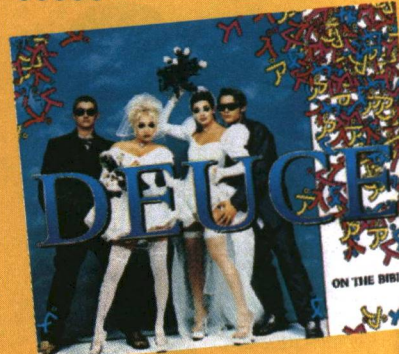
Mmmm, softie rock warblings... now where have I heard this before? Ah yes, the last time it was released! This song was *alright* the first time it came out, and it was *alright* the second time, and it's still, well, alright. So, get the hint Moist and *Push* off. Alright?

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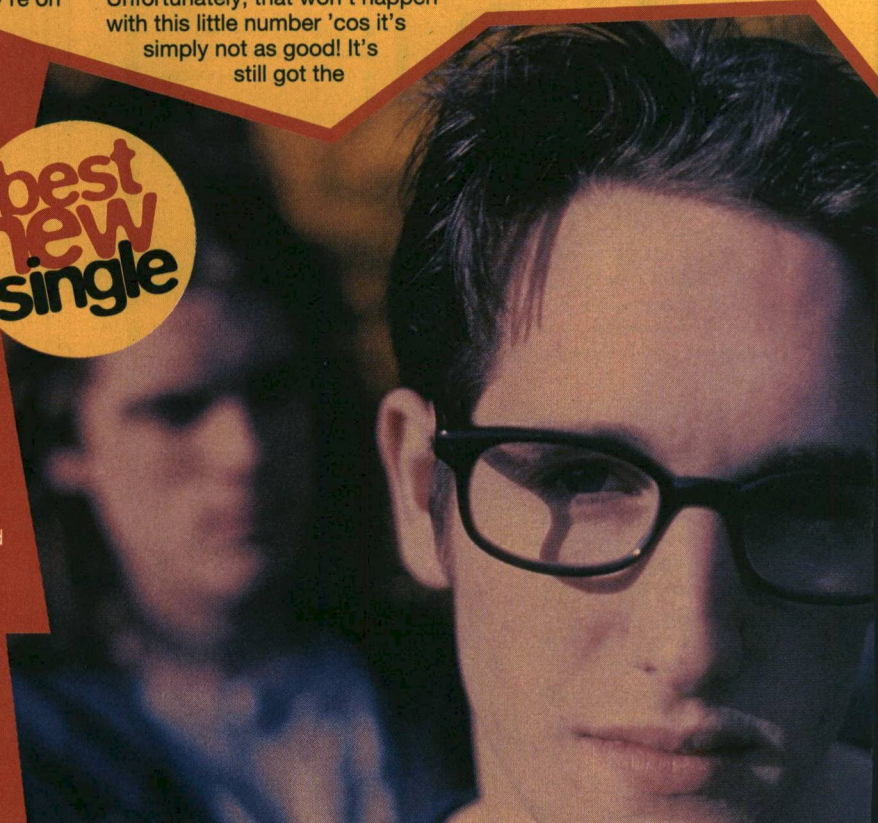
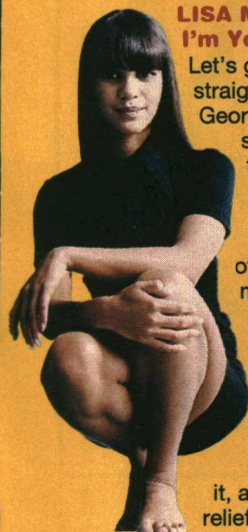
DEUCE: On The Bible

Get your softest, pink, fluffy tissues out 'cos the neon plastic popsters have slowed things down a tad for this single! *On The Bible* is a smooth, sexy number, but still manages to maintain their trademark boppy, upbeat feel. Listen out for the wondrous hand-clapping harmony halfway through, and try not to sob as the group "marry" each other in the video. "Noooo, Craig, marry ME!" shouts a nation of girls!

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single



RADIOHEAD: Just

Radiohead are hugely popular on the indie scene, so popular in fact, that they're about to support R.E.M. on tour! Their

albums

REEL 2 REMIXED



Reel 2 Real: Reel 2 Remixed

Reel 2 Real, purveyors of fine chart-bound dance tunes, have blown it. Not content with their proper (ie, good) album, *Move It*, the Mad Stuntman and co have released this remix album. It's got all the singles, but they've taken out the booming baseline and replaced it with an irritating keyboard player who only knows four notes. "Can You Feel It?" they demand, in three different mixes; if the "it" you're supposed to feel is physically sick with boredom, then yes, you sure can!

●○○○○ Helen Lamont

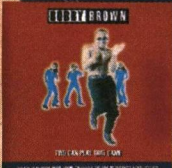
songs are tricky 'cos you always think they're a tad dull the first time you hear them 'cos nothing *really* seems to happen, but give them a chance and they soon blow your trews off! This is slow, yet groovy, good to chill out to yet upbeat enough to be danceable. Go on, *just* buy it!

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THE LEVELLERS: Hope Street

Fasten your seat belts birds and fellas 'cos Brighton rockers The Levellers are about to take us on a roller coaster ride of a tune – it mixes heavy drumming rhythms and pleasant melodies, so just when you think it's about to calm itself, it does a rocking loop-the-loop and leaves you with that feeling of nervy enjoyment! But, as you'd expect from a Brighton funfair, it's all a bit small scale.

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BOBBY BROWN: Two Can Play That Game (The re-mix album)

Here's the deal, various people, such as K Klass and Tricky, have been given an old Bobby tune to re-mix and bring up to date. The plus points of doing this are: 1) people who didn't like a song first time round might like it now – ie, *Two Can Play That Game*; and 2) it can give a song a new lease of life – ie, *Every Little Step*. The minus point – there is only one – is that it can totally destroy a tune – witness *My Prerogative*. Bah! The original versions *really* are the best.

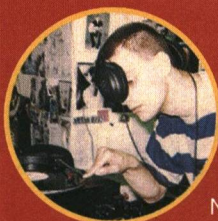
●●●○○ Leesa Daniels

best new album

BLACK GRAPE: It's Great When You're Straight... Yeah

Hmm. What Shaun Ryder and his dodgy chum Bez know about being "straight" would fit on a Tiger Token – but what they know about making insane indie classics would fill... an entire album, actually. 'Cos their debut album marks a return to the "form" that made Happy Mondays the most exciting band on the planet. Songs like *Kelly's Heroes* and *Reverend Black Grape* sling funky beats, mad-for-it guitars and incomprehensible lyrics all round the room, emerging messy but utterly triumphant. Black Grape. They're not "straight". But they are great. Yeah.

●●●○○ Mark Sutherland



bangin' choons

SPINNING THE PLASTIC: GRANDMASTER MARK (IE, THE BOSS)

HED BOYS: Girls And Boys

Nowt to do with the Blur song, the Hed Boys dish up a happy house tune that goes: "The Girls and Boys are dancing on the floor" 27 times (hey, we don't need to do the lyrics now!) and builds up to a bonanza anthem. A little bit nish, a fair bit clish and considerable amount of bangin'.

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MG: The Key (Joe T Vannelli Mixes)

Matt Goss (ex-Bros) trading under the name of MG to make a dance record shocker! Could it be that Matt doesn't want us to be prejudiced just 'cos it's by him? Anyway it's a pleasant enough trancey dance groove. Question is, does Matt know about it?

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YOSH PRESENTS LOVEDEEJAY AKEMI: It's What's Upfront That Counts

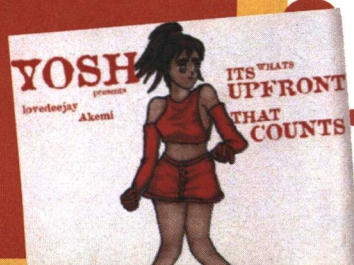
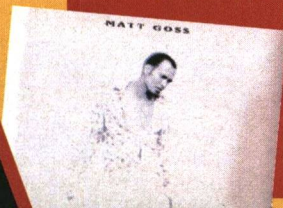
The seven inch mix of this is appalling. The extended mix, though, is possibly the finest record ever! After a bit the Bucketheads-ish groove gives way to a wonderful vocalist who trills "No matter how he looks babe, it's the inside that counts" before shouting "IT'S WHAT'S UPFRONT THAT COUNTS!" which distorts the stereo. Funny, clever and brilliant.

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BERRI: Sunshine After The Rain

This is a high energy, N-Trance/Time Frequency-style groove spoilt only by weak vocals. A memorable dance-pop tune that deserves to be huge.


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SMASH HITS **FREE WILLY 2**





Keiko the whale was the star of the original *Free Willy*. He was taken from his pod (the family group whales travel in) when he was two and has spent the last 15 years in captivity.


 Whales like Keiko are often called “killer whales” but the proper name for them is “orcas” and they are more closely related to the dolphin family.


 Orcas live up to 60 years in the wild, much less in captivity. In the ocean they grow to 32ft, weigh around 11 tonnes and can swim up to 100 miles in a day. Keiko is only 20ft long and weighs about three tonnes.


Since the first film the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society founded the *Free Willy*-Keiko Foundation (FWKF) with the hope of reintroducing Keiko to the wild.


 The FWKF are searching for Keiko's family. Each pod has its own individual language so they are after a pod with the same dialect as Keiko.

 The makers of *Free Willy* have donated \$2 million to help build a rehabilitation centre for Keiko before he returns to the ocean. They were criticised for their treatment of Keiko and for promoting captive whales, so this time they were more careful !

 In this film animatronic whales were used for the stunts rather than captive whales. Four full-sized orcas were built and the film's star, Jason James Richter, said, "It was so spooky. They are so real it's unbelievable."

 The film's other whales were all filmed in their natural habitat. It took six weeks to shoot the scenes but it meant the film makers weren't promoting the use of captive whales.

 The film makers also had to stage an environment-friendly oil fire, so they used computer-generated special effects and a biodegradable compound for the “oil” slick.

 The FWKF still needs to raise \$10 million to free Keiko. Send donations to: FWKF Appeal, Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, Freepost (SN863), Bath BA1 2XF. You can also write to this address for more information on the WDCC.

"I know we've freed Willy before, but the stupid fella's gone and got stuck again!"

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FREE WILLY 2

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT THEN?

It's about a whale. Called Willy. Who wants to be free.

SOUNDS FAMILIAR!

Er, yes. Even though Willy was freed last time, the first movie was so successful they've had to trap him again for a sequel. Fortunately, this time it's not in a theme park. Unfortunately, it's in a tiny cove while an oil-tanker spillage sets the entire ocean on fire.

SOUNDS CRUEL!

Ah, but this time around they haven't used real whales! It's all "animatronic", ie, it's done on some fancy *Jurassic Park*-type computer gizmo.

SOUNDS LIKE A SWIZ!

Possibly. But frankly, you can't tell the difference between them and the real ones. And anyway, Jesse (Jason James Richter) is all grown up now and just as interested in snogging birds as cuddling up to whales.

SOUNDS GREAT!

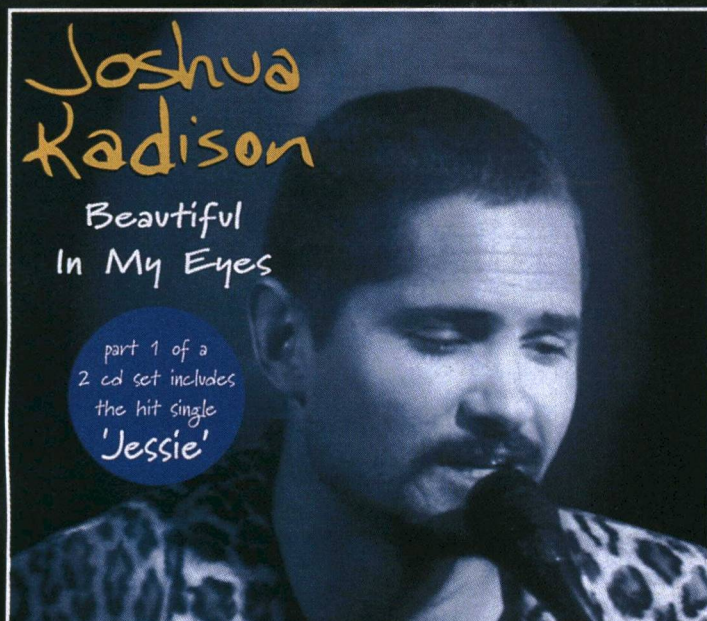
Hmm. Unfortunately, he's also got an annoying little brother these days. Still, there is added comedy value in seeing *Reservoir Dogs* tough guy Michael Madsen playing Jesse's dopey dad and in Michael Jackson doing the theme song! In other words, this orca's no corker, but it's still pretty cool as movies about fish go. All hail the whale!

●●●○○ Mark Sutherland

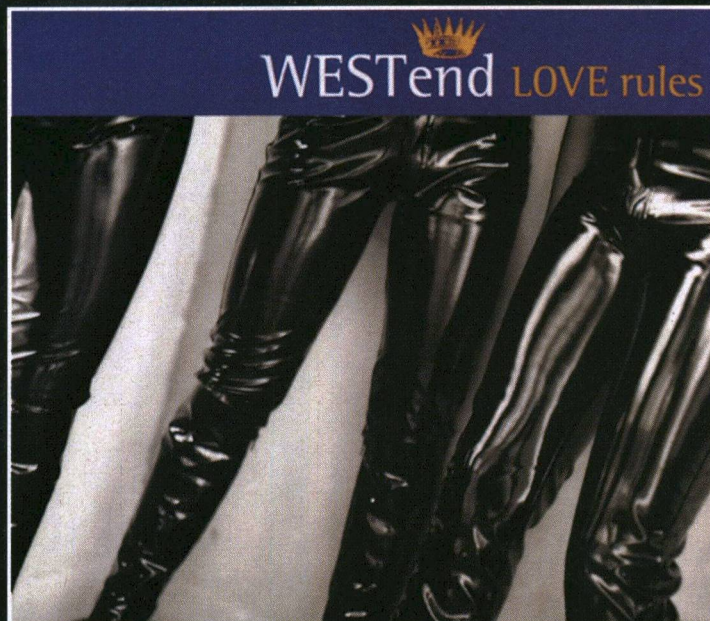
"Light another torch - I'm sure he's hiding in here somewhere."

"Got the clippers there? I think his toenails need cutting!"

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Joshua Kadison 'Beautiful In My Eyes.'



West End 'Love Rules.' (Released 7/8/95.)



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"I didn't eat all the fish fingers! I didn't, I didn't, burrrp... oops."

WATERWORLD

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A FEW THINGS WE CAN TELL YOU ABOUT WATERWORLD:

1 It stars Kevin Costner as Mariner and is set in the future. The polar ice-caps have flooded the world and so everyone lives on rafts. Kev spends his time fighting the baddies and searching for dry land with the help of a woman (Jeanne Tripplehorn) and a little girl (Tina Majorino). The girl is especially important because she has a tattoo in the shape of a map which is meant to help them find the land.

2 The set was built just off the coast of Hawaii – not as great as it sounds! During filming a few minor hurricanes skimmed past the set and there was even an earthquake! Then a hay-uge clump of the set sunk under 160ft of water and a team of

salvage experts were called in to save it.

3 Not only did Kevin Costner suffer from seasickness, but the film's director also started to go green at the gills as soon as they were seaborne. Even hard man Dennis Hopper (who plays the evil Deacon) admits to having thrown-up over the side. In the end sick bags were given to everyone!

4 What with all the delays and disasters the final cost of the film is estimated to be over a whopping \$200 million – that's more than any movie ever!

AND THE ONE THING WE CAN'T...

If it's any good! We weren't allowed to see it in time to review it. But whatever it's like, it should be interesting...

Emma Cochrane

at a cinema
near you
now!

THE GOOD!

CASPER (PG)

The special effects are incredible and Christina Ricci proves that she can act the pants off any of the other kid actors around. After seeing this you may just believe in ghosts!

●●●●○ EC



BATMAN FOREVER (12)

Clever stunts, great costumes, outrageous villains – including the brilliant Jim Carrey – smart one-liners and excitement galore!

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BAD BOYS (18)

Fresh Prince, Will Smith, and stand-up comedian,

Martin Lawrence, keep the jokes flying thick and fast, in this no-nonsense, classic action flick.

●●●●● EC

THE BAD!

MIGHTY MORPHIN POWER RANGERS THE MOVIE (PG)

We just want to let you know it's out there. Be warned!

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JUDGE DREDD (15)

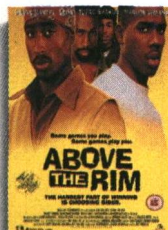
Looks great, but smells of wee! Judge Dreddful!

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REVIEWERS: Anita Naik, Sean Delaney, Emma Cochrane, Mickey Smith.



videos



ABOVE THE RIM (15)

This all-action basketball tale follows streetwise Kyle in his quest for big court stardom, despite getting side-tracked by the local hustler-in-the-'hood's "Gangsta's" team. Whether you're a B-ball fan or not it's still worth a watch, if not for the schoolin' soundtrack, then just for the loveable "homeboy" action... peace!

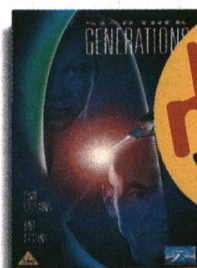
●●●●○ Andrew Diprose



LISSIE (U)

Lassie's a dog, right? And not just any old mongrel, but one that barks 'til people say, "He wants us to follow him!" Neat! Lassie befriends a friendless (ie, dorky) kid whose family moves to the country where there are baddies, wolves, perilous rivers... and a pretty thin story-line. Will you cry? Of course, it's a Lassie movie. Tch!

●●○○○ Gina Morris

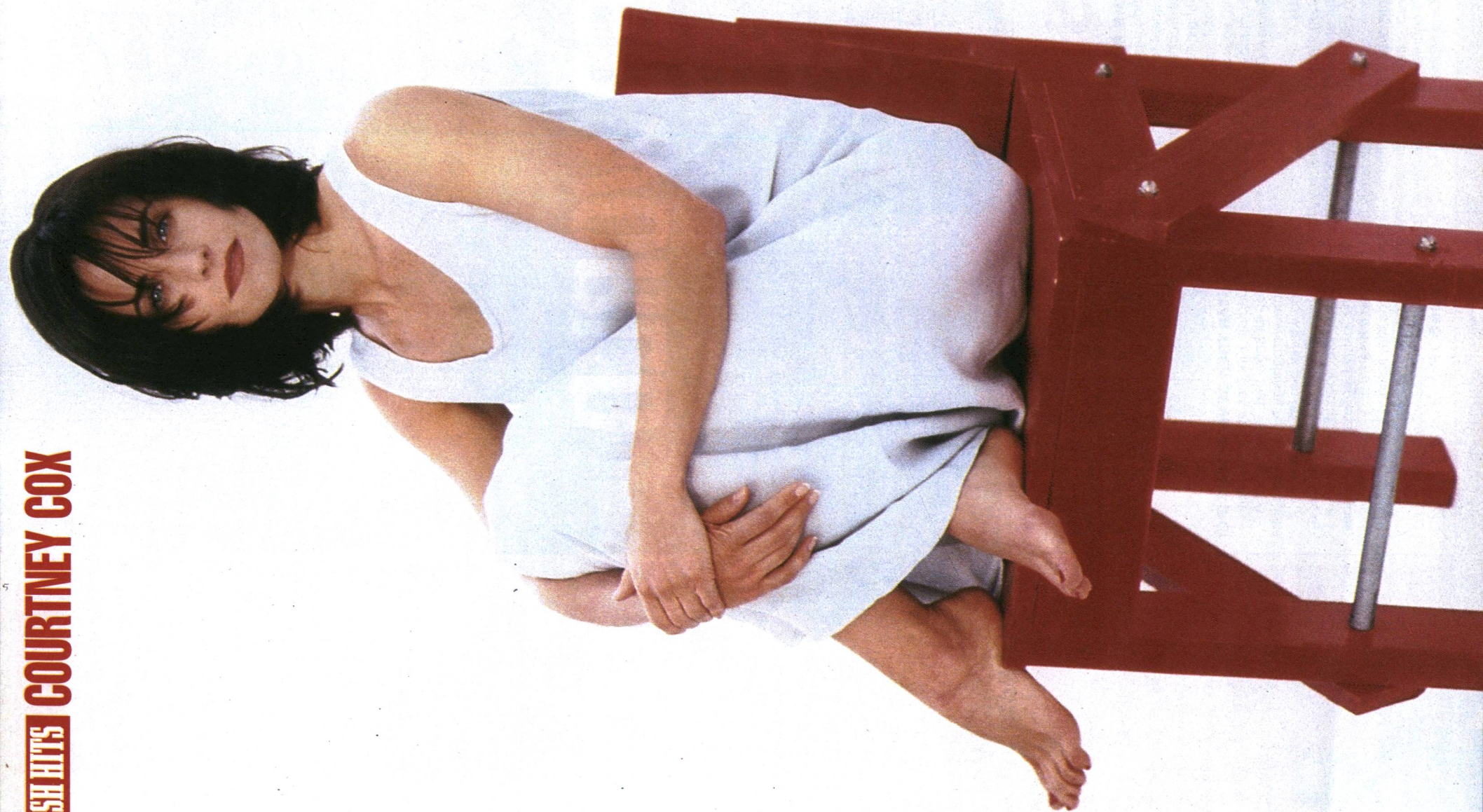


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video

STAR TREK GENERATIONS (PG)

Captain Kirk dies at the end but you all know that... don't you? A time-warpy thingy hits the Enterprise and whisks him off to a place where all his dreams come true, a bit like Blackpool. Eighty years later, baldy Lieutenant Picard goes into the same time-warpy thing and finds Kirk again. It's a great story, with tons of action, and don't worry – Kirk won't really be dead!

●●●●○ Pete Stanton



SMASH HITS COURTNEY COX

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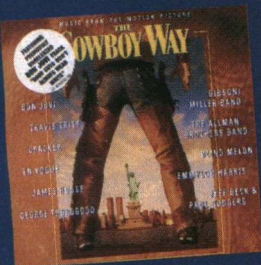
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DEAR MARK



Is there a question you want answered about the world of pop? A bit of info you're missing out on? Mark's your man. Ask him anything about your favourite stars at Dear Mark, *Smash Hits*, Mappin House, 4 Winsley Street, London, W1N 7AR.



Dear Mark,
Last July, while holidaying in Corfu, there was one song that was played constantly on MTV. It was by Bon Jovi, called something like *Good Guys Don't Always Wear White* and came from a film called, I think, *The Cowboy Way*. Is it ever going to be released here?
Kate Murphy, Newport

Well, the short answer is: it already has been! It appeared as a B-side on both CD formats of the Jovi's *Someday I'll Be Saturday Night*.

Unfortunately, that's been deleted now, but the soundtrack to *The Cowboy Way* is still available on Epic Records. Not that you need to worry about that, 'cos I'm such a smashing fella, I'm sending you your own personal copy!

Dear Mark,
I attended the blindin' Blur concert at Mile End a couple of months ago and noticed it was being filmed. Are there any plans to release it on video or show it on TV? Also, when will the new album be released and has it been decided what it will be called yet?
"Tracy Jacks", Billericay

Firstly, yes, the Mile End concert was filmed but, no, there are no plans to release the whole concert on video. Meanwhile, Blur release a new single, *Country House*, on August 21 with an as-yet-untitled album to follow sometime in September.

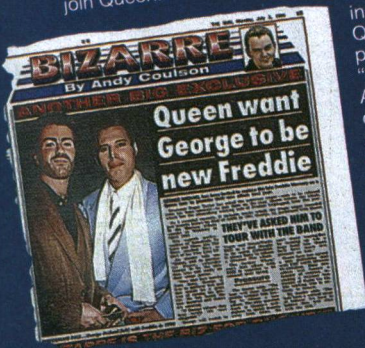


FACT or FARRAGO?

Each fortnight Mark sorts the factual wheat from the fictional chaff and generally gets to the "bottom" of a story from the so-called "news" papers.

"Queen want George to be new Freddie!" screamed *The Sun's* Bizarre column, claiming that George Michael is finally about to return to the world of pop – on tour as the new lead singer of Queen!! Hmm. Doesn't sound like the most likely thing in the world now, does it? So is it a fact? Or is it a farrago?

Well, not entirely surprisingly, the story has almost no grip on reality at all! "It's a load of rubbish," fumed Mr Michael's spokeswoman. "George hasn't finalised any plans for his return at all, and he certainly hasn't been asked to join Queen!" Queen's spokesman was even more annoyed. "It's a total piece of fiction," he seethed. "It was so full of inaccuracies they even got the date of the Queen tribute concert wrong!" Queen have no plans to recruit a new singer or go on tour. "I'd be extremely surprised if they played live AT ALL, let alone with George Michael," continued the spokesman. So, yes indeed, it's an utter farrago!



ASTRO HAIR!

Hair – it's your crowning glory. So they say. But what if you're wearing the wrong style? Check out the long and the short of our hair-raising guide and discover whether you should be wearing your barnet high...

ARIES



Ariens have very sparse fine hair, that comes out in handfuls every time they wash it. Keeping it short is the best idea, or you could do an "Elton John". **Damon**, don a wig now!

TAURUS



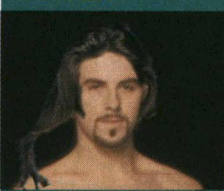
Curls suit Taureans, it's a known fact. Dreadlocks look even better. **Dieter Brummer**, take a tip from fellow Taurean Howard Donald and get that hair matted this instant.

GEMINI



One extreme or the other – that's Gemini hair for you! Crazy curly or dead straight. **Kylie Minogue** styles her hair in a Gemini way. Mavis from *Coronation Street* take heed.

CANCER



Once Cancerians have found a haircut they like, they'll stick to it for years. Anna Friel's has a traditional Cancerian hairdo. **Terry Caldwell** (also Cancerian), eat your heart out!

LEO



Like lions, Leos don't have hair, they have *manes* – which they love to look after. Leo Slash's hair is typical of his sign. Fellow Leo **Arnie Schwarzenegger** should get out that perming kit now!

VIRGO



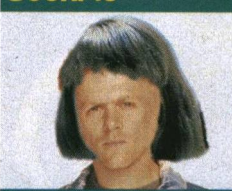
If Virgoan hair wasn't attached to Virgoan heads it would fly clean away, it's so light and fluffy. **Keanu Reeves** should look to fellow Virgoan Michael Jackson for some inspiration.

LIBRA



Librans have completely uncontrollable hair, that never does as it's told. Libran **Brett Anderson** could learn a thing or two from Susan Tully (Michelle in *EastEnders*).

SCORPIO



Scorpios often dye their hair but rarely let on. Fair-haired Scorpioan **Bryan Adams** would look so much more appealing if he tore a page from Winona Ryder's hairstyling manual.

SAGITTARIUS



Sagittarians don't give a flying fig about their hair and that's why it always looks such a mess. Sinead O'Connor found the ultimate solution – Saggie **Kim Basinger** could look and learn.

CAPRICORN



Capricorns should be satisfied with rather dull haircuts – a "pudding-basin" for the boys; pageboy for the girls. Think how much more attractive Gary Barlow and **Kate Moss** could look...

AQUARIUS



Aquarians aren't too keen on hair and would happily go hairless. What an improvement it would be too – especially when you think about Aquarians **Axl Rose** and Michael Hutchence.

PISCES



Pisceans are famous for their gorgeous soft tresses (take Cindy Crawford, for example). It's hard to resist running your digits through it. Unless they're **Jimmy Nail** of course.

HOROSCOPES

YOUR STARS FOR AUG 2 - AUG 15 BY ELEKTRA

BRIAN HARVEY - 21

(Born August 8, 1974)

MELISSA GEORGE - 19

(Born August 6, 1976)

MIKEY GRAHAM OF BOYZONE - 23

(Born August 15, 1972)

WHITNEY HOUSTON - 32

(Born August 9, 1963)

ARIES

(21 Mar - 20 April)

YOU: Many Ariens are considering going off somewhere this fortnight. If that includes you, you'll have bucketloads of fun.

YOUR FRIENDS: You're at your most easy-going right now and everyone wants you to be their chum. Hurrah!

NUMBER: 9 **COLOUR:** Turquoise **DAY:** Thur 10

TAURUS

(21 April - 21 May)

YOU: If your thinking's been a bit muddled lately, fear not; this fortnight, everything becomes remarkably clear.

YOUR FRIENDS: Pluto bodes well for close friendships. Any problems you and your best mate have been having will get sorted.

NUMBER: 7 **COLOUR:** Lilac **DAY:** Tue 15

GEMINI

(22 May - 21 June)

YOU: You haven't so much as thought about your holiday homework, last-minute merchant that you are. Just try to bear in mind that it has to be done.

YOUR FRIENDS: You've been finding some of your mates dull lately but go easy on them - you're not too fascinating yourself sometimes...

NUMBER: 4 **COLOUR:** Sea green **DAY:** Mon 7

CANCER

(22 June - 23 July)

YOU: You're more emotional than usual and an emotional Cancerian is mega-emotional! Don't get unnecessarily blubsome though (especially around the time of the Full Moon on the 10th).

YOUR FRIENDS: A younger friend could get right up your nose this fortnight.

NUMBER: 6 **COLOUR:** Grey **DAY:** Wed 9

LEO

(24 July - 23 Aug)

YOU: The Sun in your sign keeps you happy. You're in a fantastic mood and this is made even better by a happening social life.

YOUR FRIENDS: Mercury leaving Leo coincides with the Full Moon. If you have any money dealings with a mate, be careful.

NUMBER: 3 **COLOUR:** Yellow **DAY:** Sun 6

VIRGO

(24 Aug - 23 Sep)

YOU: Your ruler Mercury enters your sign on the 10th and this makes you very happy indeed.

YOUR FRIENDS: You discover that your true friends live in the same house as you. Yes - Ma, Pa or a pain-in-the-neck sibling suddenly comes up trumps on the love and loyalty front.

NUMBER: 2 **COLOUR:** Pale pink **DAY:** Wed 2

BIRTHDAY BOYS AND GIRLS

Melissa George becomes quite money-orientated and could be investing her hard-earned pennies in property. If she buys a house, it'll be in a very beautiful quiet place. **Brian Harvey** may think he's seen the last of his romantic troubles, but that couldn't be further from the truth. His love-life is now destined to get très complicated, especially if he gets involved with a possessive type. **Whitney Houston's** life becomes equally complicated as she becomes the centre of a legal wrangle. The person who stands by her becomes more than a shoulder to cry on and a messy love triangle could ensue. **Mikey Graham** is destined to fall in love, but when he discovers that both he and his paramour want totally different things from the relationship, it soon falls apart.

YOUR MYSTIC GUIDE TO THE FORTNIGHT

✓ school's cool ★ party on ✨ looking good ➔ travel

£ in the money ! trouble ♥ love interest

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LIBRA

(24 Sep - 23 Oct)

YOU: You've had a few problems getting your feelings off your chest, but now, as Jupiter changes direction, you can say exactly what you want. About time...

YOUR FRIENDS: Friends may be shocked by something you do or say.

NUMBER: 4 **COLOUR:** Silver **DAY:** Mon 14

SCORPIO

(24 Oct - 22 Nov)

YOU: Your ruler Pluto does an about-turn in Scorpio and you realise that if you want to get anywhere, you're going to have to take control.

YOUR FRIENDS: Mercury in the social part of your chart suggests that you'll enjoy being with your friends even more than usual this fortnight.

NUMBER: 9 **COLOUR:** Black **DAY:** Sun 13

SAGITTARIUS

(23 Nov - 22 Dec)

YOU: Your ruler Jupiter starts moving forwards through your sign and you're now able to get a grip on life.

YOUR FRIENDS: You start to attract new friends and this is something that's destined to continue for the next few months.

NUMBER: 5 **COLOUR:** Orange **DAY:** Sat 5

CAPRICORN

(23 Dec - 20 Jan)

YOU: Holidays and fun galore is in store you this fortnight.

YOUR FRIENDS: A mate has entrusted you with a secret, but you're finding it hard to keep it to yourself. You'd be making a mistake if you break your promise though.

NUMBER: 6 **COLOUR:** Navy blue **DAY:** Fri 11

AQUARIUS

(21 Jan - 19 Feb)

YOU: You've been so wrapped up in making plans for the future that you're missing out on a lot. Put that diary down and get a life.

YOUR FRIENDS: A certain someone is taking up your thoughts and is proving to be quite distracting. You can enjoy yourself without them!

NUMBER: 6 **COLOUR:** Dark green **DAY:** Sat 12

PISCES

(20 Feb - 20 Mar)

YOU: You've done something to be proud of and everyone thinks you're great. That's all very nice, but try not to get big-headed. Remember the old saying: pride comes before a fall.

YOUR FRIENDS: Your best mate may not be perfect, but then you're not either.

NUMBER: 2 **COLOUR:** White **DAY:** Fri 4

MIGHTY MORPHIN
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Shampoo



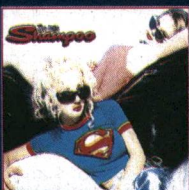
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Dear Robbie,
Come back Peter, come back Paul, Come back Robbie and show them all!!
We pray for the day, when again you will be Back 4 Good because we will never forget you, whatever you decide to do. All our love Kelly Palmer & Emma Dickinson, London.

Robbie Williams,
I will never forget you, I wish you weren't leaving Take That!! I will love you always, Kerry, N Ireland.

Dear Robbie,
I hate that you're leaving, so please come back for good. I love you Robbie!! Susie Smith, S Devon.

Robbie, if you leave Take That you're a complete Moron!! Please STAY. Love Gemma.

Take That, I Love You, with or without Robbie!! Love Zoe.

Robbie, we will support you all the way. Keep smiling. Love from Laura and Kachira, Sheffield.

Dear Robbie, Good luck and everything, I'll love you always, Jane, Kent.

To Take That, I'm sorry that Robbie is gone, but I will still be with you all the way. See you on the tour, Love Lisa xxx

Robbie, I love you and will support you in the future. I Love you xxx Linzey Atkinson, Newcastle.

Dear Robbie, We realise how hard your decision to leave the group was. Good luck for the future, all our love Karen and Emma.

Robbie, We're never gonna let you go, you are the ONE!! I'm hanging onto your love and I wish I could be your lady

tonight, so you could give good feeling to me.
You just think that you can do what you like, and think you can make it on your own, but Robbie, you could write a million love songs and you won't be as good as you were with Take That.

Robbie, you go ahead and do whatever you want to do as long as you're happy, that's all that counts. Good luck Bob! Love Magzie.

We will never forget you and maybe the day after tomorrow you will see sense. Robbie come and relight my fire. Come on all you Robbie fans out there, all you need to do is pray and Robbie will be back for good, I'm sure. Joan Kelf.

Robbie, please don't go. Especially with the tour coming up! Love Laura xxx

Dear Robbie, I'll never understand your reasons for leaving Take That. I want you to know that I still love you, and I'll always love you 'til the day I die. Love Gill, Scotland.

Robbie, why don't you come back for good, you are making my life a misery. Love from your most devoted fan, Stacy Bloom.

Take That go on without Robbie, we will love you anyway. Please don't split up Love Emma Brown, Reading.

Robbie Williams, I love you. Good luck for the future, I'll be with you all the way and I'll never forget you. Lots of love Laura Holder.

Take That, all the best in the future without Robbie, I'm sure you will do fine. Love Susie McMillan.

Robbie Williams, even though you've left Take That I still love you. Your greatest fan, Helena.

Robbie with your gorgeous hair, Red, brown, blond, I don't really care. Now you've gone and left me here.

I shall stay and shed a tear. Love Becky and Laura, Essex.

Robbie, we love you, so please go back to Take That! If not, GOOD LUCK. We'll still love and support you.

Good Luck
Robbie, we don't know whether or not we understand your decision, but if it's right for you then it's alright for us. All our love, Gemma and Gayle.

Robbie Williams, we have liked Take That for ages and the one time we get front row tickets you leave the band. From Ella, Dee, and Helen.

To Robbie, you are sexy. xxx.

Robbie, please go back to Take That!! PLEASE!!!!!!XXXXXX

Robbie, I miss you loads already. Roses are Red, Violets are Blue/Even though you left us, We still love you. XXX

Robbie, I love you and always will. Love Anna.

Robbie, come back for good.

You will always be our BABE and we will never forget you, because there is nobody else like you. TT, we love you always, Helen and Leanne.

Robbie, thanks for giving me five years of happiness. I'll miss you so much. Good luck with your solo career. I'll always love you, no matter what, love Nola.

Robbie, I'm not holding back the tears, you will always be my Babe!! Lots of love, Lisa, Cornwall.

Robbie, we'll stand by you, good luck in everything you do, you'll be greatly missed.

George Michael, I think you're a pratt for talking Robbie into going solo. I hope all Take That fans hate you. Gemma.

To the others, carry on doing what you do best, love Karen.

Take That, you're better off without Robbie, his attitude would have only brought you down anyway! You're doing great and we still love you to bits. Love from Laura, Nicki and Kelly,

Torbay.

To Robbie and Take That, I'm a really big fan, I'll be with you till the end, but Robbie you shouldn't have left the group. Katie, London.

Robbie, Nigel only got you in the band in case another member dropped out. Well, as it goes the other lads are faithful to their fans and I won't miss you, it will just be like it would have been in the

beginning Gary, Jay, Mark and Howard. From Anna.

Good luck **Take That** and **Robbie,** we'll always support you even if you go your separate ways. Love Sarah, Louise and Jo.

Robbie Williams, please, please go back to Take That. If not, good luck in your solo career. Love from Caroline, Sarah, and Katy.

Robbie, I think you'll do well on your own. Good luck mate, from J Fleet.

Robbie, you're so cheeky just wanting to finish the tour for the money and not for your fans, thanks. Natalie Toms.

Robbie, I'm so sorry for everyone that it turned out this way. I'll never forget you and I'll stand by you and

the lads forever. Love Max, Cleveland.

Robbie, we really want you back for good, the concert won't be the same without you, but whatever you do, we'll always support you. All our love, Sarah and Becky.

Robbie, I really love you but I think you need your head seeing to. Come back please. Love from Katrina Noble.

Robbie, even though you're gone and I'm completely devastated, I will always love and support all your decisions. My love and devotion, Maria xxxxxx

Bob, you were always the best one! All my love as always, Stick!

Robbie, join Oasis, you know you want to! I give you my lovely beer if you do! Gill XXX

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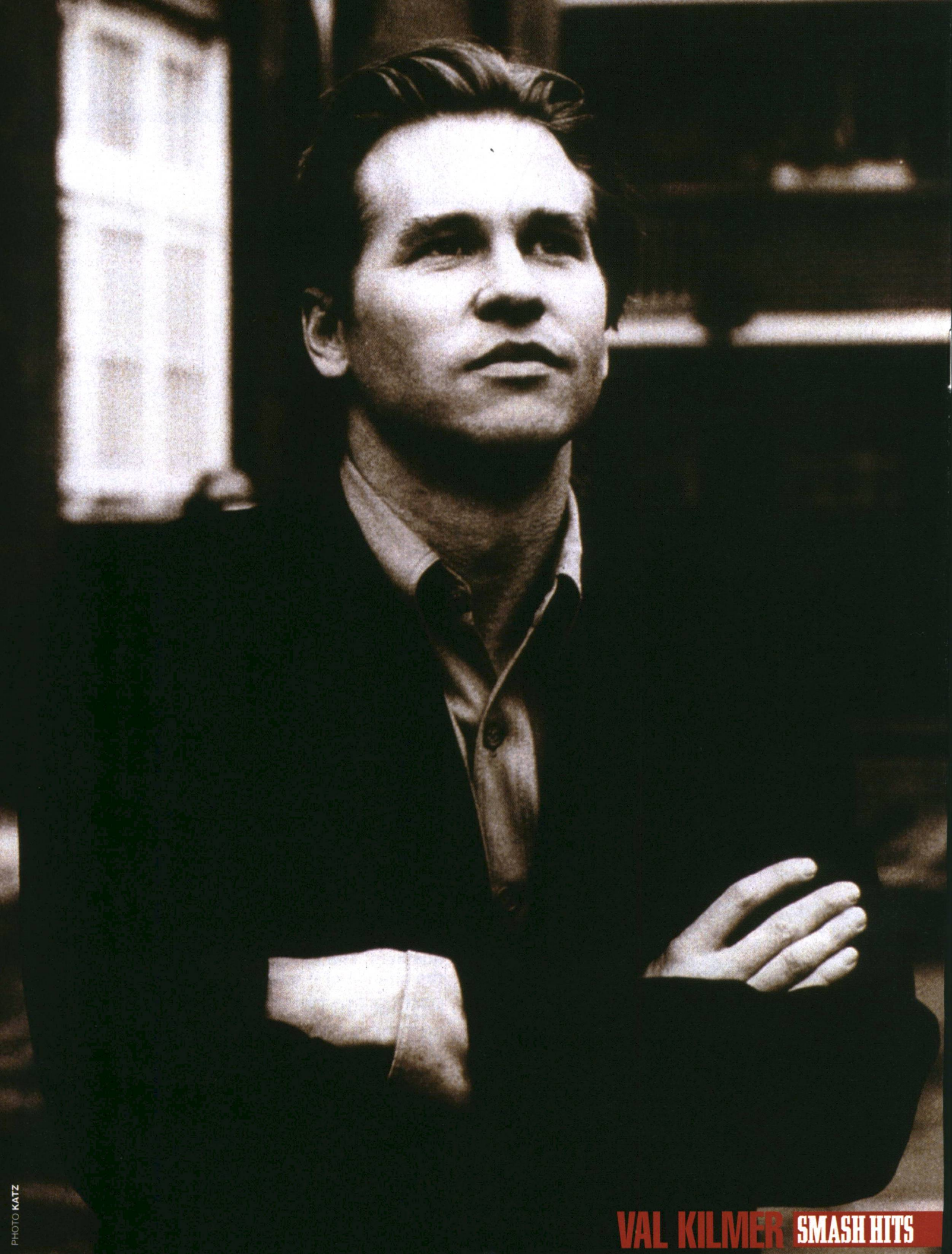
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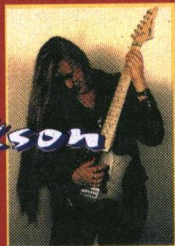
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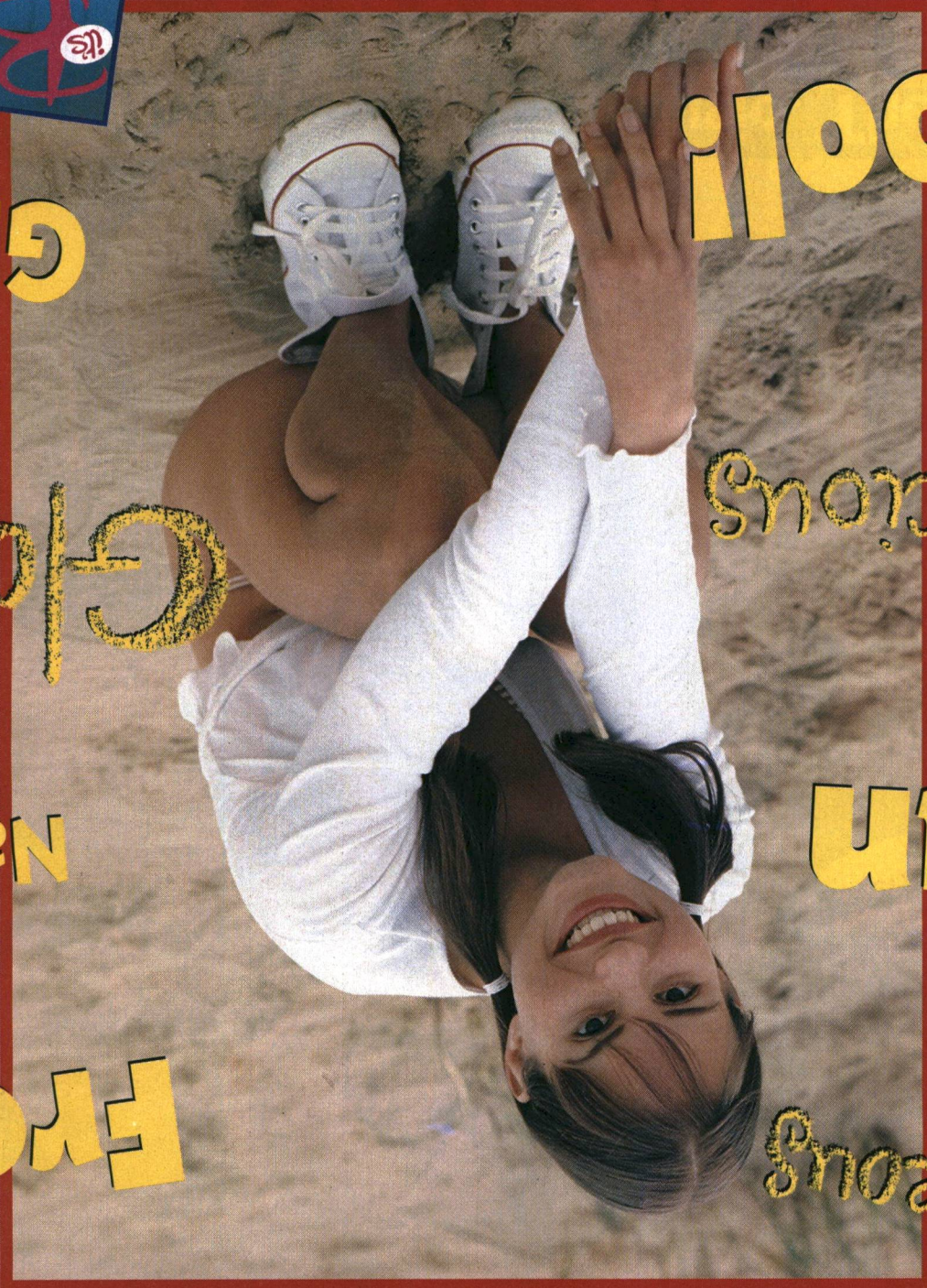
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Why do you wear such rubbish clothes?

Cheeky bastard! Whoever's been saying that don't know *anything* about clothes, man. In fact I'm just about to go out and get some shirts now. There's a shop just down the road from where I'm staying and I've got to buy shirts 'cos all the ones I've got are dirty. I never wash them.

Who does your hair? The council?

It's just photographs that make it look like that. I'm not really bothered. We're about to head out to Jamaica so while I'm there I'll probably get it cut under a tree by some bloke with a big knife. That's where I got it cut last time I was there.

Have you ever had any dancing lessons?

No. I don't think I've ever really danced. I move and I groove and that's it. *(Laughs)* When we were in Israel, we drunk about ten double vodkas and we were standing in this really cheesy, rubbish disco and we started dancing like mad to *All That She's Wants* by Ace Of Base. It wasn't like we chose to dance to it, we were just too drunk to care.

Why do you talk about drinking and taking drugs so much?

(Sighs) I don't know. I *don't* know. It's not a big part of our life now. *(Gets a bit angry)* No, forget that! We've done that, we're moving on now. *(Almost to reassure himself)* Yeah. Definitely.

Why did you move out of Manchester to poncey Hampstead, north London?

Business really. When we came back from finishing the album in LA, all the interviews that we were doing were in Hampstead. So the record



company put us up in a hotel there. Then this journalist said to us, “Oi, do you want a flat? I can get you this really alright flat for half the price because there's a dude going away out of the country for the next year.” So I said, “That'd be cool.” Hampstead is chilled. I like it. I've got a couple of bars that I go to. *(Puts on a poncey accent)* You know, trendy sort of bars.

How did your nose get to be that shape?

I don't know. I think there must be some Roman blood in my family. OK, it has been hit a few times. I can't even remember who first hit me but I just know it's been trod on a few times!

Have you ever considered being a male model?

Modelling!? *Modelling!?* *(Laughs in disbelief, spluttering the word “model” between his laughs)* What would I model? Oh, no, no, no! I ain't got the body to be a model!

Who's the better singer: you or Liam Gallagher?

(Straight away) Liam. He's OK, Liam, he's a good lad. He's just enjoying being a pop star. I saw Oasis playing at Glastonbury and they were great, man! Really tight. And the sound was really excellent.

What exactly do you pay Bez for?

Er... *(thinks for a long time)*... er, it's not as if we pay him. It's more like we're businessmen together. Partners. *(Gets defensive)* I mean just because Bez doesn't play an instrument people pick on him. But this time when we're doing the gigs on stage he's not going to be just dancing. This time he's got samples to set up, he's got keyboard parts to trigger, and he's got words this time, you know.

Are you related to Winona Ryder?

Am I related to her? *(Considers the question for a moment)* No. I'd snog her though. *(Oo-er matron!)*

Did you spill my pint?

Your pint? What pint? *(Thinks a while)* What, you want a fight? You want to fight *me*. You better sort your neck out, you! Spilt your pint! Ha! Now if you were a geezer and you said that I would have, er... *(thinks for moment)*... sat down and bought you another pint. Then we'd have all waited until you got outside and all done you, the lot of us!

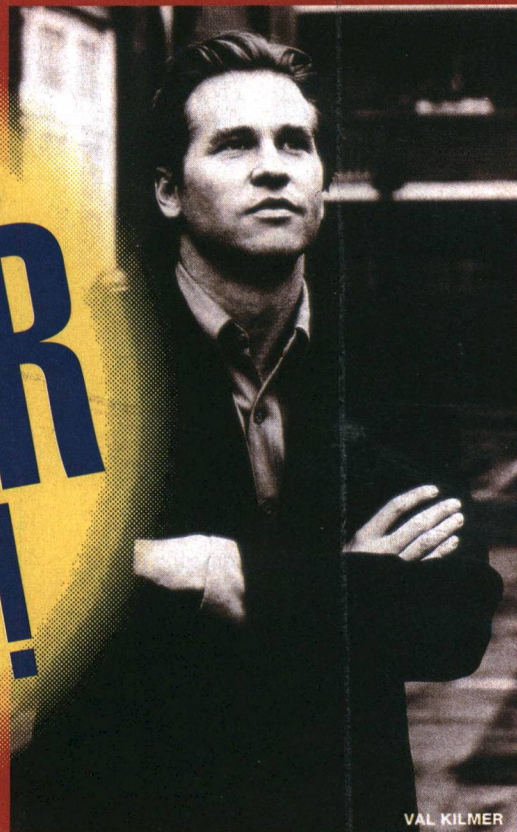
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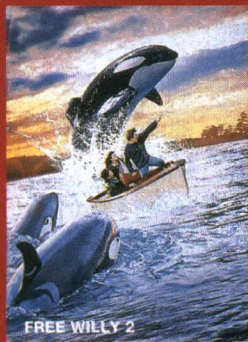


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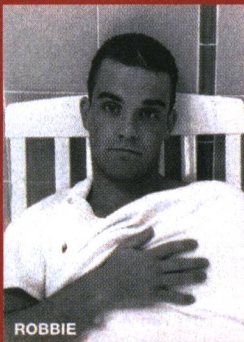
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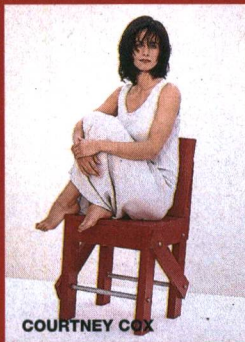
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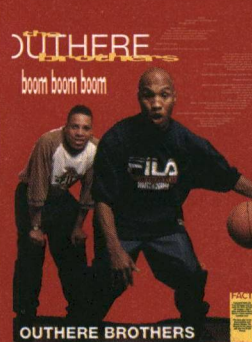
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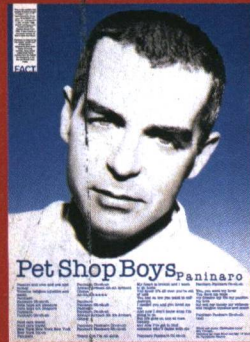
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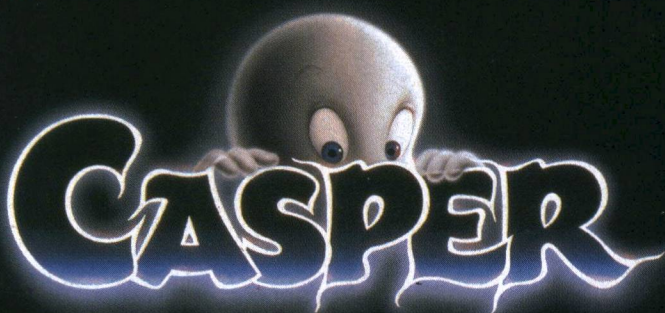


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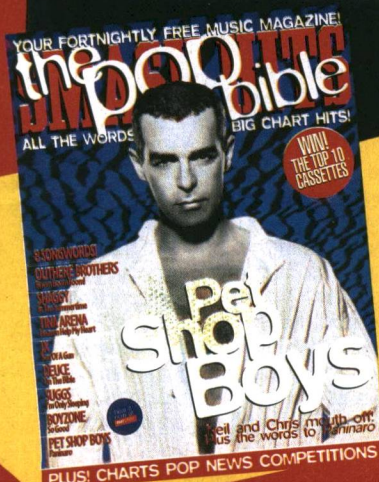


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